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#### Regent visits army unit

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday paid a field visit to a unit of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division where he was briefed on duties assigned to it. Prince Hassan attended a military exercise by the unit formation and then inspected units which participated in the drill. Prince Hassan was accompanied on the visit by the chief of staff of the land forces and senior officers.

#### Abbas arrives

AMMAN (Petra) - Mahmoud Abbas, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), arrived in Amman Sunday to participate in meetings of the Jordanian-Palestinian political Committee due to start Monday (see page 3)

#### Saudis complain of Iraqi firing on border

RIYADH (AP) - Iraqi troops opened fire with handguns and take automatic rifles across Saudi Arabia's border twice this month, prompting a complaint to the maited Nations, the Saudi Fore-ign Ministry said Sunday. The incident July 1 and July 4 were the first reported since the 1991 Gulf war, in which Saudi Arabia joined the U.S.-led coalition to end Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait. The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it considered the firing "acts of provocation" and had lodged a complaint with the U.N. Security Council.

#### Sudan gets new central bank chief

KHARTOUM (AFP) -Sudanese head of state Omar Hassan Al Bashir has appointed Sabir Mohammad Hassan as governor of the Bank of Sudan, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported Sunday. The decree, as published by the state-owned agency, made no mention of the former governor of the central bank, Al Sheikh Sidahmad. However, this change of govlinors was not seen as an indication of a shift from the government's economic liberation policy which has freed the prices of all commodities to be fixed according to the principle of supply and

#### » Powell in Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — U.S. armed forces chief of staff General Colin Powell arrived in Kuwait Sunday for his first visit to the country he helped liberate from Iraqi occupation in the 1991 Gulf war. He said in a brief statement to reporters he would bring greet-ings from President Bill Clinton and reassurances of U.S. commitment to Kuwaiti security during a meeting with the emir, Sheikh er Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

#### Pakistan welcomes nuclear ban

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Pakistan Sunday welcomed Washington's recent decision to extend its moratorium on nuclear testing until September 1994. An official statement here said a permanent ban on nuclear testing by all states was an "essential element in a programme for complete nuclear disarmament," and would strengthen the goal of nuclear non-proliferation. Pakistan hoped multilateral negotiations would soon be initiated to condude a comprehensive test-ban treaty, it said. Islamabad had in 1978 proposed to its rival neighbour India that the two sign a regional or a bilateral nuclear test ban treaty, the statement added.

#### Death toll rises in Congo clashes

BRAZZAVILLE (R) - Ten people have been killed and about 20 wounded in five days of clashes between the army and opposition in Congo's capital Brazzaville, medical sources said Sunday. They said nine of the dead were civilians. The social services minister appealed Sunday for aid for 300 people forced to abandon their homes in the opposition strongholds of Bacongo and Makelekele, where the clashes were fiercest. The prime minister, General Joachim Yhombi-Opango, ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew Wednes-

# Iraq in fresh clash with U.N.

### Inspectors leave saying Baghdad blocked sealing of missile sites

Combined agency despatches the Press" programme, Mr. Gore

IRAQ APPEARS headed for a confrontation with the Security Council for refusing on Sunday to allow either cameras or seals at two missile bases the United Nations wants to monitor.

At the same time diplomats reported that talks at U.N. headquarters on resuming limited oil sales were deadlocked, with U.N. officials contemplating breaking them off if no progress is made when they continue this week (see page 2).

A spokesman for Sir David Hannay of Britain, this month's Security Council president, said the conflict would be discussed at closed-door council consultations Monday.

He said that Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of scrapping frag's weapons of mass destruction, was expected to brief the council.

Mr. Ekeus could not be reached for comment Sunday but he told reporters earlier the confrontation was serious as Baghdad was challenging the Security Council's demand for long-term monitoring of its arms potential.

A three-man weapons inspection team, headed by American Mark Silver, arrived in Baghdad Saturday, confident that Iraq would allow it to put seals on two missile-testing stations close to Baghdad, thereby disabling

But on Sunday, the three left abruptly for Bahrain with Mr. Silver telling reporters, "I was not allowed to do what I went in for and that is why I came out immediately."

President Bill Clinton, while travelling in South Korea, warned that any further Iraqi defiance could lead to a new United States attack. The abrupt departure of the

U.N. team provoked fears of nitive attacks on the sites or on Baghdad targets. U.S. Vice-President Gore said,

Iraqi President "Saddam (Hussein) should understand very clearly that he cannot trifle with the world community. Speaking on the NBC's "Meet

force "against those facilities." Mr. Gore said. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has warned that the Western allies could resort to

said the United Nations could

now demand Iraq destroy the

facilities. If it doesn't, the world

body itself could authorise using

force if Iraq fails to comply. Fears grew in Baghdad, where money changers and gold dealers closed their doors. Many Iraqis went home early and most stores were emptied of vegetable, fruit

stocked up. Hotels advised residents to go to basement bomb shelters if air raid sirens sound.

and meat in hours, as residents

Iraq asked the Security Council to prevent any punitive raid. 'Iraq calls on the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities in accordance with the United Nations charter and prevent the launching of a new milit-

ary aggression against it," an

Iraqi communique saiu.
The Iraqi News Agency said Foreign Minister Mohammad Said Al Sahaf sent a letter to the head of the Security Council accusing parties hostile to Iraq of getting the inspection team to make excuses and create an atmosphere for new attack.

He said it was an attempt to confuse Iraq's position and keep the Security Council from agreeing to lift the siege, INA

"Yawm A! Azim site is a site to test missiles under 150 kilometres and it is allowed according to Resolution 687," the letter said, INA reported. The use of seals by the special

commission or the International Atomic Energy Agency is allowed only to deal with activities banned under Resolution 687, he was quoted as saying. Washington in late June fired

telligence centre in retaliation for Iraq's alleged involvement in a plot to kill former President George Bush while he was visiting Kuwait in April.

The dispute began when the inspectors attempted to install



The head of the U.N. inspection team, Mark Silver (wearing dark glasses), leaves Baghdad Sunday

after saying the Iraqi authorities prevented his

cameras to monitor the two bases in an effort to ensure Iraq does not test medium and long range missiles, banned under terms of Security Council ceasefire resolutions after the 1991 Gulf war. Short-range missiles are permit-

Iraq did not turn down the cameras but said it wanted a review first on compliance to date in destroying the weapons. Consequently, Mr. Ekeus said

a meeting could take place, possibly on Thursday, if the seals were installed as an "interim" Diplomats said the next step

would be for Mr. Ekeps to ask for council support to destroy all the equipment on the sites if it could not be monitored. He said the basic conflict was Iraq's refusal to accept long-term U.N. monitoring on grounds it violated its sovereignty.

The general in charge of Iraq's relations with U.N. inspection teams said Sunday Baghdad will defy the U.N. order to shut down its missile testing equipment and take all necessary measures to defend itself if attacked.

we cannot accept (U.N.) seals of activities which are not prohibited," General Amer Rasheed, chairman of Irag's Industrialisation Commission, told Reuters.

Gen. Rasheed, who also heads Iraq's weapons development

programme, said there was no way Baghdad could allow the U.N. to disable its industry. "It (sealing) will be a dangerous precedent," he said. "It

means if we allow them this time,

they may extend it to the whole of Iraqi industry. "Tomorrow they will come and seal any factory," he said. Gen. Rasheed said Iraq did not

fear threats of the use of force and was ready to defend itself and

its installations. "We as a nation, we take all necessary measures to protect our people, our land and facilities," he said.

Gen. Rasheed said Iraq had proposed to Mr. Silver's team that missile equipment could be transferred and assembled anywhere in Iraq and be left under U.N. supervision. "(U.N.) seals are already applied on prohibited

equipment in Iraq," he said. The government daily Babel, run by President Saddam's son Uday Hussein, struck another defiant note Sunday vowing that Baghdad "never bowed to blackmail and will never do so."

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali convinced Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz in Geneva last month to resume the oil sale negotiations. U.N. officials thought Dr. Ghali might easily monitored.

personally intervene to prevent the most recent talks from col-

Diplomats said the negotia-tions, conducted by U.N. Undersecretary-General Carl-August Fleischhauer, had concentrated on a U.N. paper prepared in Vienna last year, which Iraq came close to accepting.

They have been through the paper from beginning to end and there are a number of areas where there are serious divergences," one envoy said. "If instructions they get out of Baghdad are not dramatically improved, there would be no point

in going on."
The 1992 U.N. proposals were presented to the Security Council after Iraq broke off the talks. But diplomats said its most hardline members on this issue, the United States and Britain, thought the monitoring of food distribu-tion was too liberal in those prop-

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Fleischhauer had toughened the surveillance provisions or whether Iraq had other objections to the scheme.

Another key dispute is over the use of terminals. The allies insist Iraq ship almost all of its oil through its pipeline to Turkey as a reward to Ankara for its aid during the Gulf war. They also say the pipeline can be more

## King opens world wheelchair games AMMAN (J.T.) ← His Majesty

King Hussein Saturday opened "Challenge 93," the first international ex-service wheelchair games at the invitation of the Royal British Legion.

The King, who was accompa-nied by Her Majesty Queen Noor, was received upon arrival at the games' site by Oueen Elizabeth's Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghampshire, local dignitaries, the president and officers of the Royal British Legion and Challenge 93 organising commit-

The national flags were raised to the Jordanian and British national anthems, followed by the parade of Royal British Legion Standards and a parade of athletes led by a Gurkha band and followed by the legion band. After the games flug was brought into the stadium, the Royal British Legion president, Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalto the King for having accepted the invitation to open the games.

Adm. Dalton referred to the ex-servicemen as "some of the fittest men and women in their countries. Now they are using sport to rebuild their lives."

In the address in which he declared the games open, the King thanked the Royal British Legion for its organisation of the games and expressed his "confidence in the ex-servicemen who shared with all those present the hope of upholding the lofty ideals and principles of peace based on justice, honour, security, stability and a brighter future for man-

Thirty-six countries are participating in the games including Arab and Muslim delegations from Syria and Egypt.

also attended by Jordanian ton, gave a speech in which he welcomed the King and Queen gadier Awad Maaitah. Ayoub and Military Attache Bri-

# Majali urges officials to set an example in honesty

cials and administrative leaders to carry out their duty with honesty institutional democratisation proand to avoid using their posts for personal gains.

opening session of a three-day said. seminar on financial and administrative control, Dr. Majali urged participants in the seminar, who occupy leading government posts, to treat citizens equally and follow in their professional performance "so as to present Jordan as a good example for the Arab world in terms of performance, work and public service as. we presented to it a model in democracy.

with the challenges facing Jordan plans.

on administrative development and emphasised that the govern-

these two challenges and others the government departments have to achieve their goals efficiently, "which requires from all to give others an example to of us to pool our efforts and constructively cooperate to correct our paths to make them fit the general policies," he said. He said Jordan, as any other

developing country, views admi-

them. He affirmed the keenness the seminar was Zuheir Al of the government to give due Kayed, director general of the attention to inspection and con- institute of Public Management trol institutions to enable them to which is organising the seminar. He reviewed the activities of the He also underlined the need to national development plan and implement the Royal directives steps taken to improve adminis-

The seminar will tackle a variement would work hard on fight- ty of topics concerning management of government offices and the work of the Audit Bureau. Several working papers will be two important events which had reviewed at the seminar, which is

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# Ross visits Damascus as Israel threatens retaliation for attacks

Combined agency despatches

DAMASCUS - U.S. envoy Dennis Ross held talks here Sunday with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa as Israel blamed Syria for supporting attacks against its troops in Lebanon and reinforced its forces on the Lebanon border.

The Israeli cabinet met Sunday to review options in Lebanon amid increasing warnings of major military operations following the killings of five Israeli soldiers in Lebanon since Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin has urged the United States to press Syria, which has thousands of troops in Lebanon, to halt the anti-Israeli attacks which also left eight Israeli soldiers wounded. Uri Lubrani, Israel's coordina-

tor for Israeli activities in Lebanon, said, "Syria is pulling the string of terrorism in Lebanon. Those who provoke escalation must understand that they will pay a price."

Mr. Rabin has charged that the Iranian-backed Hizbollah and the Syrian-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, who were responsible for the killings of Israeli troops, were using Iranian arms which transit via Damascus.

An unofficial Syrian source blamed the escalation in Lebanon on Israel's occupation of an 1.000-square-kilometre buffer zone along the Lebanese-Israeli border since 1985.

Israel is responsible for the tension because of its refusal to withdraw from the zone in line with U.N. resolutions, senior Syrian officials said. The attacks will stop when Israel pulls out, they

The Syrian ruling party daily Al Baath and state-run radio also insisted that Israel must withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

Mr. Ross, the State Depart-

ment coordinator for the Middle into its South Lebanon "security East, meanwhile described as "good" his talks with Mr. Sharaa and said he was looking forward to further discussions aimed at breaking the deadlock in Arab-Israeli peace talks.

He is due to meet Syrian President Hafez Al Assad before leaving Monday for Amman for talks with Jordanian officials.

Mr. Ross began Thursday a regional tour aimed at narrowing differences in the peace talks, which bogged down over differences between Israel and the Palestinians on self-rule for the occupied territories.

Mr. Ross met in occupied Jerusalem with Rabin and Palestinian negotiators and on Saturday had five hours of talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa which covered new American ideas to bridge the gap between

Israel and the Arabs. Mr. Ross said in Damascus his talks with Israeli and Egyptian leaders had been "intensive and this effort will continue.

"We have been involved with an effort to find way to fill in gaps between the parties," he said before meeting Mr. Sharaa. Arab diplomats said his talks in Damascus would cover Syrian demands for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights which

the Jewish state "annexed" in

1981. Israel was offered to give

up parts of the plateau in ex-

change for full peace with Israeli Yitzhak Rabin's ministers said the peace talks would not prevent Israeli retaliation for the attacks against its troops in

South Lebanon. Health Minister Haim Ramon said after hours of discussion in a cabinet meeting that Mr. Rabin would present specific military options to the cabinet "very

Lebanese security sources said Israel sent eight more big guns zone" Sunday, bringing to 19 the number of artillery pieces moved to the area in 24 hours. Guerrillas were bracing for an attack, they

"This is a new situation, an ongoing war," said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, an ex-general close to Mr. Rabin. Whoever thinks we will continue to absorb (attacks) quietly and say 'thank you very much' is making a mistake."
Uri Lubrani, Israel's chief

peace talks, accused Syria of planning the rise in guerrilla attacks and said Israel would Late on Saturday Mr. Rabin, who is also defence minister, told

negotiator with Lebanon at the

Mr. Ross to warn Damascus to restrain the Lebanese guerrillas by blocking weapons transfers from Iran. 'The message to Syria was absolutely clear," said Interior

Minister Arye Deri. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, speaking after the cabinet discussed the attacks, called the Lebanon-based guerrilla groups "the number one enemy" of peace talks.

This is exactly the reason why if Israel finds it necessary to act against them — and very seriously so - there will be no problem in regard to the peace talks," Mr. Sarid said. Israel's northern commander

General Yitzhak Mordechai also blamed Syria and Lebanon. "We are facing a very difficult, very complex situation and I have made a certain number of propos-

als to deal with it," he said. However, Mr. Rabin, Mr. Lubrani and other senior officials have ruled out another invasion of Lebanon and prefer to talk of limited punitive strikes. The Israeli-Lebanese border was reported quiet although tense Sun-

# Palestinians ready to deal if Washington changes its paper

By Wafa Amr Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said Sunday that the Palestinians were prepared to deal with the U.S. document on interim selfgovernment if Washington introduced changes recognising East Jerusalem and the occupied territories as lands seized by Israel in

the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. The officials said that the PLO had asked Egypt to convey its new position to U.S. Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross during his visit to Cairo Saturday. American and Arab pressures

on the PLO to accept the U.S. document as a basis for Palestinian-Israeli negotiations compelled Palestinians to deal more flexibly with the U.S. paper. But they remain unwilling to budge in on the two key issues jurisdiction and Jerusalem.

"We will consider the American document only if the U.S. introduced changes on Jerusalem and jurisdiction," said one PLO official.

He said: "The only changes we will accept would be an American document that recognises the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Jerusalem as occupied territories and not disputed lands as stated in the U.S. document."

ies would be considered one territorial unit," he said. His statements reflected a departure from previous Palestinian

This means that these territor-

positions. Palestinians have rejected the U.S. document as a basis for future negotiations mainly because it excludes East Jerusalem from the Palestinian interim selfgovernment authority.

According to Palestinians, the

document also fragments the occupied territories and gives both Israelis and Palestinians the same right to claim sovereignty over the occupied territories in

the future. Although pressed by the U.S. to submit ammendments to the U.S. document and deal with it as a basis to reach an agreement with Israel over interim selfgovernment, Palestinians adhered to their stand that it

cannot be a basis. However, the changes demanded by the PLO would annul the U.S. document, which they said would enforce new terms of reference to the 20-month-old Middle

East peace process. The original terms of reference, stated in the letters of invitations and letters of assurances the U.S. presented to all parties involved in the peace process, recognise the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and that East Jerusalem is

part of these territories. "If the U.S. introduces changes on Jerusalem and jurisdiction or if it submits another paper consistent with the original terms of references and the letter of assurances, we will consider our position," the official said.

#### Egyptian-PLO-talks

In Cairo Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa met a PLO team Sunday to discuss the U.S. paper on Palestinian selfgovernment.

A Palestinian source said the Egyptians, after consulting the Palestinians, had proposed to Mr. Ross Saturday that the U.S. draft define clearly that the selfgovernment would cover the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

# The opening ceremony was

AMMAN (Petra). - Prime Minister Abdul Salam, Al Majali challenge which faced Jordan as a Sunday urged government offi- result of its stands of pride and

In an address delivered at the

achieve their goals,

ing corruption wherever it exists. Jordan, Dr. Majali said, has witnessed in the past few years their clear impact on the country and the life of its citizens.

dignity ... and the second was the cess adopted by the leader of our march (His Majesty King Hussein), may God protect him," he So as to enable itself to face

nistrative development as a means to development and a way Dr. Majali dealt his address in carrying out comprehensive and stressed the need to counter Speaking also at the opening of

# Palestinian boy dies of wounds in West Bank

during a clash between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank, military sources said. Mohammad Ashraf Samamara, of Dahariya, was shot on

group of six masked Palestinians in Dahariya, near Hebron in the West Bank Soldiers fired and wounded three of them after they ignored orders to stop, the army said.

Samamara was shot in the head.

In other violence, the body of a camp.

July 6 after soldiers confronted a

JERUSALEM (Agencies) -- A 70-year-old Palestinian suspected 16-year-old Palestinian died Sun- of collaborating with Israeli day five days after he was shot forces was found hanging from an electricity pole in Hatamara, near Bethlehem in the West Bank. Mohammad Gazalah Salahat had been repeatedly stabbed.

In the occupied Gaza Strip,

Israeli troops shot and wounded

five Palestinians, including three

children, Saturday when they

opened fire on stonethrowers in a

Gaza refugee camp, Palestinian Children aged 12 and 13 were wounded in the Shatti refugee

# U.N. fears tit-for-tat attacks in Mogadishu

Combined agency despatches

MOGADISHU — United Nations officials are viewing increasingly bold attacks by Somali gunmen in Mogadishu as the start of a hit-and-run guerrilla campaign against the multinational force in Somalia.

In the past 12 days gunmen assumed to be loyal to warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed have killed five U.N. peacekeepers and hit the cornerstones of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM) - the port, airport and headquarters.

"Aideed has started a guerrilla war using hit and run tactics against UNOSOM forces. Harassment attacks against key UNOSOM facilities will con-

tinue. Enemy morale is high, says a confidential U.N. briefing

paper obtained by Reuters. Enemy forces are moving freely within the city. Ambush attacks using small groups of 10-20 armed militia against isolated UNOSOM forces may occur. said the document, prepared fit General Cevik Bir, command of the 20,000-strong force.

The general population Mogadishu is slowly losing the dence in the ability of UNION forces to protect them and the confidential U.N. de nt. Publicly UNOSOM, and has 14,000 soldiers in Monthly is not rattled.

"It is part of the continued

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# Ghali urges Iraq to agree to oil deal

ABU DHABI (AFP) — U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali has urged Iraq to accept a U.N. deal on partially resuming its oil sales, saying it would create confidence between the two sides.

Dr. Ghali, in statements published Sunday by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily Al Ittihad, said U.N.-Iraqi talks which began last week amid a row over Iraqi missile test sites would resume on Tuesday.

Cash-strapped Iraq requested the talks to negotiate conditions laid down by U.N. Security Council resolutions 706 and 712 which allow Iraq to sell up to \$1.6 billion worth of oil to buy food and medicine.

Iraq has so far rejected the conditions, charging they infringed on its sovereignty. It is seeking an increase in the amount of oil it can sell and wants to export it through its Mina Al Bakr terminal as well as through Turkey.

Asked if Iraq was seeking a higher amount of oil Dr. Ghali said the talks involved only the terms of the U.N. resolution. adding. "I am interested in its implementation.

This will create a new political atmosphere between the United Nations and Iraq and contribute to building confidence between

He said there was "limited U.N. optimism" on the success of

"Gulf oil sources said the dispute over the installation of surveillance cameras at two firing ranges could affect the oil nego-

Iraq, ignoring a warning by U.S. President Bill Clinton, said Sunday it would not allow U.N. weapons experts to seal the two Disney

'Aladdin'

after Arab

complaints

LOS ANGELES (Agencies)
The Walt Disney Co has agreed to alter two lines of

lyrics in "Aladdin", the most

commercially successful ani

mated film of all time, in re-

sponse to complaints of racism

from Arab-American groups.

Disney distribution presi-

dent Dick Cook said the

change was made after meet-

ings with members of the

American-Arab Anti-

Discrimination Committee

(ADC) but that "it was some-

thing we did because we wanted to do it."

"In no way would we ever do anything that would be in-

sensitive to anyone," he said. The new lyrics will go into effect on the film's videotape

release, which will go on sale

on Oct. 1, and in any subse-

quent theatrical release of

"Aladdin". The movie has grossed \$207 million at the box

office since its release last

Changes in the song were announced Friday after Disney

received permission from the

estate of the late lyricist Ho-

ward Ashman and his collabor-

ator, composer Alan Menken.

song, "Arabian Nights," were

changed to delete references to

the threat of mutilation by

Originally, the lines read:

From a faraway place

"Oh, I come from a land

Where the caravan camels

Where they cut off your ear

If they don't like your face It's barbaric, but hey, it's

The fourth and and fifth

lines were replaced with lyrics

Activists said they still are

angry because Disney left in

place the third lines use of the

thing to do, but we are still on

word away from being

pleased," said Albert Mokhi-

ber, president of the Anti-

He said the committee will

The new lyrics will be heard

in the home video version of

the animated movie and in

future theatrical releases of

The lyrics in the film's open-

ing song, "Arabian nights, ori-

After the first resisting

changes, Disney agreed to al-

Where the caravan camels

Where it's flat and immense

It's barbaric, but hey, it's

"Aladdin" is not the first

Disney film to be altered. In its

original version of the 1933

release "The Three Little

Pigs," the big bad wolf tried to

get into the pigs' house by disguising himself as a peddler

with a heavy Jewish accent.

It was subsequently redone

with the wolf using a falsetto

And the heat is intense

"Oh, I come from a land

ginally were:
"Oh, I come from a land

From a faraway place.

ter the lyrics to read:

From a faraway place

Discrimination Committee.

The changes were the right

that describe the desert climate

and georgraphy.

word "barbaric."

remove the word.

'Aladdin.'

Two lines in film's opening

November.

alters

"Naturally, this problem will reflect on the negotiations for an oil deal," one source said. "I don't think the United Nations will reach any agreement with the Iraqis when they still challenge

Oil markets have already yreacted to the negotiations that began on Wednesday, with prices plunging to their lowest level since the end of the Gulf war despite assurances that the Iraqi supplies could be absorbed.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Al Baghli said last week that oil prices, now at nearly \$16, could fall when Iraq starts pumping but would recover later as the market begins to absorb the quantity of 500,000 to 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) over a period of six

Iraq has been banned from exporting oil for nearly three years under U.N. Gulf war sanctions but is producing around 600,000 bpd for local consumption although domestic demand stood at 220,000 bpd in 1991 and

380,000 in 1990. Iraqi crude exports stood at about 2.8 million bpd in 1989 and 2.05 million bpd in 1990 and revenues at \$14 billion and \$9.4 billion respectively, according to official Arab figures. Its reserves of 110 billion barrels are second only to Saudi Arabia.

#### Ramos orders probe of abuses against maids in Kuwait

MANILA (R) - President Fidel Ramos Sunday ordered the Philippine foreign office to investigate accusations by Filipina maids that employers in Kuwait had beaten or raped them or not paid their wages.

Mr. Ramos directed Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo to submit his findings by Wednes-day, the presidential palace

A statement from the palace said some maids also alleged they had been raped by Kuwaiti policemen inside the Philippine embassy premises.

One of the maids, who was in a group of 101 Filipinas arriving from Kuwait Friday night, said she was not aware of any rape inside the embassy

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compound. More than 400 Filipina maids have returned in the past two weeks under a Kuwaitifunded repatriation scheme.

Kuwaiti officials have said reports of abuses are made up or exaggerated by a few Filipinas who want to go home.

One of the women said in a radio interview Sunday that a companion had been drugged by her Kuwaiti employer be-

fore being sexually abused. Others complained that they had been beaten or not paid their wages for months, forcing them to flee their employers and seek refuge at the Philip-

pine embassy. "I'd like to work again abroad, but this time I'd like to work in Hong Kong," one

maid said. Philippine Consul-General Wenceslao Quirolgico said in Kuwait Saturday that about 20 maids remained under embassy care. Most of them were ill and required further medial attention before flying home.



Fidel Ramos

Kuwait's crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, was paying all travel costs, he said. About 150,000 Asian

them Filipinas, work in Kuwait, which has a population of 1.3 million.

In Kuwait, a criminal court will deliver a verdict on July 24 on two Kuwaitis accused of killing their Filipina maid, a lawyer involved in the case

The domestic worker, 23year-old Sonia Panama, died in hospital on March 8 after being admitted in a coma and suffer ing severe burns and other

injuries. She had been in Kuwait for several months. The accused are a Kuwaiti man, identified in court only as

F. Falah, and his wife, I. Issa. The husband has been in detention for the past four months. The wife has been

released on bail. The lawyer, who declined to be identified, said by telephone both the prosecution and defence could appeal against the verdict to a higher

Panama had previously been named wrongly as Bahana in press reports, the lawyer said. He said her family name was Panama. An embassy official confirmed that Panama was the correct name.

# Qatar, Iran urge end to disputes

said Sunday that relations among Gulf countries should be based on the principles that no country interfere in the internal affairs of another and that territorial disputes be resolved through dia-

The two Gulf neighbours made the call in a joint statement issued at the end of two-days of talks in Tehran involving Qatar's fore-ign minister, Sheikh Hamad Ben Jabr Al Thani.

Qatar and Iran "stress the need for regional states to achieve security and stability on the basis of mutual respect, the respect of sovereignty rights and independence," said the statement, which was carried by the Qatar News

Agency.
It also said regional ties \_nould be built "on non-intercence in internal affairs, the respect of internationally recognised borders... and resolving whatever disputes which may arise through dialogue, mediation and peaceful

Several Arab states have in the past criticised what they see as Tehran's efforts to export its 1979

DUBAI (R) — Qatar and Iran Islamic Revolution to regional countries.

> The statement made no reference to Iran's territorial dispute with the United Arab Emirates — (UAE) over three Gulf islands held by Tehran and claimed by Abu Dhabi.

Oatar and its allies in the sixcountry Gulf cooperation Council (GCC) have repeatedly voiced their support for the UAE in the dispute, triggering angry responses by Iran.

Officials from the UAE have been invited to go to Iran for talks aimed at resolving the dispute but Iranian officials have been quoted as saying Tehran will never surrender sovereignty over that three islands.

Sheikh Hamad is the first Gulf Arab foreign minister to visit Tehran since his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati toured GCC states in May in an effort to ease some of their worries about Tehran's ambitious rearmament

programme.
Mr. Velayati invited GCC ministers to hold talks with him in Iran aimed at defusing tensions in a region which controls more than two-thirds of the world's

proven oil reserves. The Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia. said "a free trade zone will be established in Qatar soon to store and supply Iranian commodities in that country."

IRNA said: "The two sides stressed the significance of brotherhood and friendship between the nations in the region and said that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the (GCC) would launch a multilateral cooperation in this regard.'

Alone of the GCC states, Oatar has several cooperation accords with Iran, including one on a project to pipe fresh water from Iran across the Gulf.

During talks with Sheikh Hamad earlier on Sunday. Ira-nian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani urged OPEC members to adhere to oil production

and pricing accords.

Sheikh Hamad, who started a regional tour in Tehran on Saturday, told Mr. Rafsanjani one of the objectives of his trip was to find a collective way to prevent oil prices falling, IRNA reported.

Islamic extremists appear to

benefit from broad support with-

in the population and have re-

sisted extraordinary measures

aimed at breaking the movement.

Attacks have recently broadened

to target intellectuals and figures

like Ferhat connected to the reg-

Gen. Nezzar was the object of a

failed assassination attempt last

3 sentenced to death

An Algerian court sentenced

three Muslim fundamentalists to

death Saturday for conspiring against the security of the state,

APS said the special court in

the eastern city of Constantine,

one of three set up last year to combat the Muslim fundamental-

ist unrest, sentenced a fourth

All four were present in court.
Algeria has sentenced more

than 145 fundamentalists to death

on various charges since the start

of 1992. Six were executed at the

rian police shot dead two sus-

pected Islamic militants and

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APS, quoting the security

forces, said the three were in a

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been found dead in a remote part

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Fifteen people, including four

In a separate incident, Alge-

activist to life in prison.

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# Two Saudi clerics named cabinet ministers

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has made two senior Muslim clerics cabinet ministers and ordered the setting up of an Islamic guidance ministry. The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said that the king announced the appointments in a decree. Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ben Abdullah Ben Baz, a member of the influential Higher Council of Ulema, was named president of the council, a position that will now carry ministerial rank. The decree also named sheikh Ben Baz as the general mufti of Saudi Arabia, the country's most senior religious post. Sheikh Abdullah Ben Abdul Al Turki, also a member of the Higher Council of Ulema, was appointed minister of the new Islamic affairs, religious endow from ments. call and guidance ministry. King Fahd's decree said the ministry would be established to "assume responsibility for everything that concerns Islamic affairs and the affairs of religious endowments, mosques, guidance and call to God." The decree also named Mahmmoud Ben Mohammad Safar as the new minister of pilgrimage affairs. He replaces Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, who was appointed as advisor to King Fahd with the rank of a minister.
The post of general mufti has been vacant since the death of the last

## Rabbani secures international development aid

KABUL (AFP) — Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabban B

returned to Kabul Saturday from a five-day economic summit of

returned to Kabul Saturday from a five-day economic summin of regional Islamic states held in Turkey claiming progress had been made in securing aid. "All the countries which attended the meeting promised to offer assistance to Afghanistan, especially Turkey," Mr. Rabbani told journalists at Kabul international airport. Mr. Rabbani said he had asked the other members at the airport. Committee Committee (ECC) summit to help in the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) summit to help in the urgent reconstruction of Afghanistan, following 15 years of armedia organistan, Turkmenistan and Pakistan relating to the development of transport and communications. Hamidullah Tarzi, the economics minister who accompanied Mr. Rabbani to Turkey, said agreements had been reached on an Afghan railroad system and gas pipelines. Mr. Tarzi said the tripartite agreement underscored Afghanistan's geographic importance in the ECO region. Afghanistan is seen as an important bridge between the outside world and the former Soviet Central Asian republics. Mr. Tarzi said Afghanistan had signed a seven-point memo with the Islamic Development Bank based in Saudi Arabia, for the funding of ECO projects in the Central Asian region. He said Mr. Rabbani had also proposed establishing a free port, possibly in the Pakistan city of Karachi situated on the Arabian Sea, for the transit of trade goods to Afghanistan, an idea first mooted some 25 years ago but never implemented.

#### Israel asks U.S. to help with ship inspections

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel has asked the United States to help solved the problem of Israeli ships being delayed and rerouted by United Nations inspectors searching for arms to Iraq, a government spokesman said Saturday. The American delegation said they are dealing with finding an appropriate solution as soon as possible to this problem," government spokesman Elyakim Rubinstein said after a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. envoy Dennis Ross. The Israeli shipping industry has complained that U.N. inspectors enforcing an economic blockade of Iraq imposed after the Gulf war have been turning away Israeli cargo ships from its southern port of Eilat, costing the industry more than \$1 billion a year in delays and rerouting. Israel, hit by about 40 Iraqi Scud missiles during the 1991 Gulf war, says inspection of its ships for goods bound for its enemy was absurd.

#### Iranian students refused U.S. visas

NICOSIA (AP) — Five Iranian students were refused visas to the United States, where they had hoped to compete in an international physics competition, Tehran Radio reported Sunday. The broadcast quoted the Iranian Ministry of Education as saying the move was "contrary to the rules of internatinal conclaves." The ministry said the boys were refused visas after being asked "unfounded questions and for groundless reasons" at the U.S. embassy in Rome. The radio gave no details. Iran and the United States severed diplomatic ties after the 1979 Iranian revolution. ministry said that the refusal had "hurt the delicate spirits of our youth, who had prepared themselves for an international scientific competition." The broadcast did not say where or when the competition was scheduled.

# Israeli civil servants threaten to shut down country

TEL AVIV (AFP) - A public sector strike over pay spread Sunday to the railways as civil servants threatened to bring the whole country to a halt, unions said. Unions halted all trains after talks failed Saturday with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat who is refusing to meet demands for a 35 per cent pay rise over the three years. The government is offering three per cent each year while inflation is running at more than 10 per cent. No more talks are planned and unions are lilning up state television and radio, postal and telecommunications and port workers to join the strike next The action began last Wednesday bringing out more than 50,000 people in most ministries, hospitals, customs, tax and social

# Palestinian newspaper fights for survival

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - A Palestinian daily news paper is fighting to stave off a closure threat and hopes to carry with a smaller staff, journalists said Sunday. Managing editor Ali Khalili told AFP: "There is hope that we will not have to close. We are trying to find ways to enable us to continue." At the end of June, the 38 staffers at Al Fajr in East Jerusalem received dismissal notices ahead of closure on July 23 for financial reasons. But management sources said at worse the 22-year-old daily, which claims sales of 6,000 copies, might close for a short period and then resume with a dozen fewer journalists. Palestinian-American publisher Paul Aljouni, who owns Al Fajr, is expected in Jerusalem

# Algerian shuffle suggests harder line on Islamists

ALGIERS (Agencies) — The re-placement of Algeria's defence minister and its armed forces chief-of-staff Saturday suggests that the army wants a tougher line against Muslim fundamental-

Khaled Nezzar, reputed strongman of the Algerian gov-ernment, was replaced as defence minister by retired General Lamine Zeroual, a communique

from the presidency said. But the communique said Gen. Nezzar remained a member of the High Council of State (HCE), Algeria's collective presidency which is fighting a wave of Islamic

militant violence. Army chief-of-staff General Abdul Malek Guenaizia was also removed from his post and replaced by Major General Mohammad Lamari, the communique said.

No explanation was given for the changes but Gen. Lamari, a former Nezzar aide, is widely regarded as a hardline anti-

Political analysts and commentators said that in replacing Gen. Nezzar, who had shaped the Algerian army for 30 years, younger generals appeared keen to put an end to what they saw as a soft

strategy against Islamists. Gen. Zeroual, the new defence minister, resigned from the army in 1990 in protest at the policies of former President Chadli Benjedid. Mr. Benjedid himself was forced to quit two years later after the victory of Islamic fundamentalists in the first round of legislative elections, eventually

cancelled by the army-backed "The departure of Khaled Nezzar... follows a strategic redeployment in the army which wants to be more and more involved in the political control of

the country," wrote the daily Al Watan,, usually well informed on security matters The authorities on their part

have sought to play down the significance of the changes. One must not exaggerate the

importance of these changes which have been expected for some time." a presidential spokesman said.

Some diplomats say Gen. Nezzar's departure from the Defence Minsitry deprives the fivemember HCE of what one termed "the army's dissuasive strength and prestige."

Others said the changes were a panic reaction on the part of the collective presidency, faced with mounting fundamentalist vio-

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"These reshuffles, five months before the HCE members are due to leave, appear as an alarm signal, seeing that the situation in the country has worsened and that it could get out of control," a

Western diplomat said.
The HCE, whose mandate is due to end at the end of December, has been trying to bring about a gradual return to democracy and elections by the end of 1996.

News of the changes coincided with a report that a member of a government advisory council that lost three members to killings blamed on Islamic extremists was wounded in a hit-and-run attack.

belonging to a "terrorist associa-tion" and armed robbery. The official APS news agency said that Mohammad Ferhat, a lawyer, suffered bullet wounds in the attack Saturday in the western city of Oran. The attackers

There was no claim of responsibility, and Mr. Ferhat's life was not in danger, APS said. Mr. Ferhat is on the inquiry

comission investigating the June 29, 1992 assassination of HCE President Mohammad Boudiaf. He also belongs to the Constitutional Council, a 60-member body that replaces parliament when it was dissolved in January

Three members of the council were kililed over the past several months in attacks ascribed to Islamic extremists trying to topple the regime. More than 1,200 people have been reported killed in standoff between security forces and armed groups over the past 18 months.

There has been reports of an imminent shakeup within the defence establishment, which rules this country from the shadows. There was speculation the shakeup may presage a new

approach to Islamic extremists, while laying the groundwork for a new leadership scheme. Gen. Nezzar, who has led the offensive against the extremists,

is known to suffer from serious vascular problems but that was not thought to be the main reason for the changes. The French newspaper Libera-

tion, citing unidentified sources, said that Gen. Nezzar, who was mediator among the army's various currents, left the ministry post willingly, perhaps to lay the groundworks for the leading role in a presidential council scheduled to replace the HCE in 1994. The council is to rule during a minimum two-year transition period, and elections would not be held before 1996, according to

a plan recently made public.

The badly decomposed bodies were discovered Tuesday at Tam-roult Echegaa, 340 kilometres

state radio reported.

southwest of Tamanrasset in southern Algeria, near their vehicle on a road leading towards Tin Zaouatine on the border with

Police said the victims, whose identities have not been determined, appeared to have died of thirst and sunstroke after their vehicle broke down.

Dozens of people, who each year venture into the desert without a guide and without informing police of their itinerary, lose their way and die of dehydration.

Last year the bodies of three oil company technicians were found near the wreckage of their helicopter. It took authorities three days to locate them in the desert.

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AMMAN (Petra) - A medical ream from the Mayo Clinic in Minessota, USA, led by Dr. L. W. Smith Sunday suggested that Tordanian medical centres and the Mayo Clinic be linked through satellite for exchanges of views about medical matters.

Dr. Smith, who was speaking at a meeting with Prime Minister 'Abdul Salam Al Majali said that exchanges could also cover such issues as diagnosing illnesses and scientific research work.

The team met the prime minister following a tour of a number of medical centres and institu-tions including the Al Hussein Medical Centre.

The prime minister supported Dr. Smith's proposal, saying that Jordan takes pride in its advanced private and public sectors' medic-

Meanwhile, Dr. Majali Sunday visited the Department of Environment at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and was briefed by its Secretary General Asem Ghoshen on its activities. Mr. Ghosheh also outlined a number of the department's internal organisational



Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali

The prime minister also called at the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with Interior Minister Salameh Hammad and PSD Director Major General Abdul Rahman Al Udwan and his assistants.

In a brief address to senior PSD officers, the prime minister underlined the importance of safeguarding security and stability in the country.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Regent congratulates Irish president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday sent a cable to Irish President Mary Robinson congratulating her on Ireland's national day. Prince Hassan wished Ms. Robinson good health and happiness and the Irish people further progress and prosperity.

#### 3 video shops closed

AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Governor Issa Al Omari decided Sunday to close down three video rental shops in Amman for possession of video cassettes "that contradict laws, regulations social norms and public morals."

#### **Omari meets French, UAE envoys**

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Education and Higher Education Khaled Omari Sunday discussed with French Ambassador to Jordan, Denis Bauchard the possibility of expanding the teaching of French language in government schools. Ministry of Educationoperated schools had introduced French language into a limited number of its schools on experimental basis. Ministry of Education sources said that more than 80 private schools in Jordan offer French language classes to more than 20,000 students; hotel management colleges have also been teaching French language since 1980. Dr. Omari also Sunday conferred in his office with Mohammad Jasem, ambassador of the United Arab Emirates in Jordan and discussed with him cultural and education cooperation and means of promoting cultural and educational agreements. The ambassador voiced appreciation to the Jordanian Ministry of Education for the facilities it offers towards seconding Jordanian teachers to work in the UAE. The UAE government recently requested the Ministry of Education to supply it with supervisors as well as teachers in various specialisations.

# Students from Bosnia and Jordanian colleges

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath did not urge that Bosnian refugees children in Jordan should be allowed access to Jordanian universities asreported yesterday. The news story was based on an item re-leased by the Petra News Agency which states in Arabic that "Her Royal Highness stressed the need to... resolve the problems obstructing the entry of some students into Jordanian universities and colleges."

During Princess Sarvath's visit to the centre hosting Bosnian refugees it was stated that some amongst Bosnian refugees were unable to apply to institutions of higher education because they were not carrying the required documents and school records or because they do not have the required fluency in

The Princess said that it was necessary to try to resolve the problems facing the Bosnians during their stay in Jordan.

The issue of university enrollment was not singled out as a priority for the universities or the government to work on. In fact it was stated that as there is a quota of places reserved for foreign nationals at the universities, and should any of them be eligible and qualified, applications could be submitted in the usual way.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON**

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibition of watercolours by Jordanian plastic artist Marwan Al Allan at the Jordanian Writers Association.

→ Paintings by Salem Al Dabbagh, Himat Ali and Karim Rassan at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery (10 a.m.-6)

☆ Art exhibition by 26 Jordanian artists at Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra Shopping Centre.

 ★ Exhibition of art works by Zuheira Zaqtan at Baladna Art Gallery.

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NB: Recent applicants need not reapply.

Deadline for receiving applications is July 20, 1993.

## Study points to decline in food consumption

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Sunday published the results of a study entitled "Towards a Nutritional Balance to Stem Poverty" which focused on the nutrition situation in Jordan as well as rates of income and consumption in various governorates.

The five-chapter study covered 2304 households randomly selected from various governorates and 69 population settlements in the rural and urban regions of the Kingdom.

The first chapter outlines the aims of the study and the method of collecting data while the second chapter deals with the general food and nutrition situation in Jordan. According to this chapter, local food production is far below the required level needed to meet the Jordanian people's needs and there is an increased reliance on imported foodstuffs. For instance, said the study, Jordan produces 15 per cent of its needs of wheat. It said that Jordan exports limited amounts of food products like eggs, fruits and vegetables, but noted that the gap in the balance of food trade stood at 32.1 per

cent in 1990. The third chapter of this study concerns the distribution of foodstuffs in Jordan. The study said that the Ministry of Supply imports certain types of foodstuffs and distributes them to various governorates taking into consideration the needs of each area. But it also said that the state has been encouraging agricultural production.

The fourth chapter deals with the patterns of consumption among the public. This chapter is divided into three parts dealing with the rate of expenditure on food commodities proportional to the income, noting that there was a decline in the rate of food consumed per capital in the early 1990s compared with the 1980s.

The fifth chapter discusses the effects of poverty on people's ability to meet their basic requirements, saying that the absolute poverty line rose from JD40.5 in 1987 to JD68.1 in 1992.

The study also showed that 5.7 per cent of the sample covered in the survey was living below the absolute poverty line adding that poverty is concentrated in Tafileh, Mafraq and Karak gov-

# Jordanian-Palestinian committee to hold 1st meeting AMMAN (J.T.) — A joint- goals and the need for continued Jordanian-Palestinian Committee consultations over different issues

formed during meetings between His Majesty King Hussein and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in Amman last week, is to hold its first session here Monday to tackle a host of questions related to Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation in political and other fields, Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani said Sunday.

The formation of the joint committee was a direct result of the "successful talks the two leaders had during their meetings which reaffirmed the common

of common concern," said the minister in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

He said the committee will direct its attention towards promoting the peace process and ending the sufferings of Palestinian people in the occupied Arab ter-

The committee, which will hold its meetings at the Foreign Ministry, will discuss various political issues of common interest to Jordan and Palestine, and will examine the question of forming a number of technical groups to

coordinate Jordanian-Palestinian positions at the ongoing peace process, said Dr. Anani who is a member of the committee.

Following his talks with President Arafat last Tuesday, King Hussein said that the meeting was extremely constructive and productive. "We are at a fresh turning point in terms of the relation with our brothers (and we are). seeking the same aims and same ends for a better future for Palestinians and Jordanians alike and hopefully for the whole region in context of an honourable peace which the future genera-

tions can live with and protect,"

According to Dr. Anani, the Jordanian side to the committee will include Information Minister Maan Abu Nowar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talai Al Hassan, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Mahdi Farhan and Minister of Water and Irrigation

Bassam Qaqish.
The Palestinian side will be represented by Mahmoud Abbas. Yasser Abed Rabbo and Yasser Amr who are members of the Palestine Liberation Organisawell as head of Palestinian peace dan Al Tayeb Abdul Rahim.



negotiating team Faisal Husseini, tion's Executive Committee, as and Palestine Ambassador to Jor-

## Jordan, Australia sign trade agreement

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan and Western Australia have agreed to promote their cooperation in energy, food industries, modern technology, water and agriculture in accordance with a memorandum the two countries signed here Sunday.

The memorandum came at the end of talks held here over the past three days by visiting Western Australia's Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Monty House and a number of Jordanian government ministers and senior officials.

The two sides stressed in their talks their willingness to maintain and bolster bilateral cooperation in trade. The agreement they signed will lead to increased Australian imports of phosphate, potash and fertilisers, Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket said. Dr. Saket, who signed the memorandum with Mr. House added

that Jordan will continue to purchase food supplies like meat and live sheep from Western Australia. The agreement will also lead to cooperation in land planning and development of desert and arid lands, Dr. Saket said. He said that Australia has agreed to allow Jordan to set up trade fares on its territory to promote the sale of Jordanian goods in Australian

The memorandum also covered ways to encourage the exchange of tourist groups through the concerned authorities and the private sectors in the two countries, added Dr. Saket.

Mr. House and his accompanying three-member delegation earlier met with Minister of Supply Radi Ibrahim.

The Australian delegation Sunday left Jordan for Saudi Arabia on the second leg of a tour in the region.

### Seminar to discuss labour market needs

AMMAN (Petra) — Meeting the needs of local labour market for skilled workers will be among a host of topics to be discussed by a two-day seminar, which will open Tuesday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

The meeting will also cover vocational and technical training programmes supervised by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the work of the Vocational Training Corporation, the labour market situation and case studies of vocational training systems in other countries.

The seminar, which is to be held at the Teachers' Club in Amman, has been organised by the National Centre for Educational Research and Development in cooperation with the Ministries of Planning, Education and Higher Education as well as the Vocational Training Corpora-

# Brotherhood urges government to help repatriate Palestinian expellees

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Muslim Brotherhood bloc at the Lower House of Parliament Sunday called on the government to defend the cause of the 400 Palestinian expellees still stranded in southern Lebanon and act towards achieving their repatriation.

"The Muslim Brotherhood bloc calls on the Jordanian gov-ernment to adopt the cause of the expellees and raise their ordeal with the Arab League, the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), the Non-Aligned Movement, the United Nations and other organisations," said a statement issued by the bloc Sunday.

The statement also urged Jordanian political parties and various institutions to send cables to world organisations and stage sit-ins in a show of solidarity with the expellees who were driven out from their homeland by Israel

Seventy expellees were Monday expected to stage a peaceful march towards the occupied Arab lands in a bid to show their determination to return to their homeland, said the statement. Nearly one fifth of the expel-

lees are suffering from various

illnesses as a result of the hardships they had been facing and the lack of health care in addition to the abuse of their human rights, said the statement. The statement said that the Israeli authorities have adamantly refused to repatriate the expellees as required by U.N. Security Council Resolution 799. It said the U.S. is supporting Israel and

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The Muslim Brotherhood bloc at the Lower House of Parliament urges the government to belp repatriate Palestinian expellees in South Lebanon as a medical team reports that many of the expelled Palestinians have serious health problems (File photo)

is condoning its actions. The statement said that the expellees have been facing untold

psychological and health sufferings and hardships since they were uprooted from their lands. A team of Jordanian physicians which visited the expellees last month reported that a large number of them required immediate medical attention and hospitalisa-

The three member-team, which spent several days examining and treating the expellees. including orthopaedist Mustafa Al Salem who said that 15 cases required immediate surgery. Ophthalmologist Azmi Sharaiha said he examined 80 expellees and found that two were in very serious condition, requiring im-

mediate hospitalisation.

The team, sent on the mission by the Jordan Medical Association (JMA) said the association will prepare a detailed report on the health and living conditions of the expellees and later distribute it to various international organisations and Arab and foreign governments to bring attention to the plight of the "oppressed peo-

The statement said that the expellees in Marj Al Zohour require immediate assistance from the International Committee of the Red Cross, and backing from world human rights organisations to help them return to their families and their homeland.

It appealed to the Jordanian public to support moves aimed at prompting the expellees' cause.

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# **Mockery of democracy**

THERE IS something superficial about the fever of democracy now gripping African countries. In many cases, autocratic regimes, coming under Western pressure which links economic aid to liberalisation, are trying to inject a dose of democracy, while in some other cases the peoples themselves do not seem to distinguish between ethnic affiliations and the notions of democracy and believe that public participation in decision-making is a means to protect their tribal or sectarian interests.

That is not to say that a prescribed democracy along the lines adopted in the West is the immediate solution, given the features of many African societies and the deep-rooted traditions and cultures. It might take decades before all Africans could be pried away from the way of life they have been used to for centuries.

While the overriding factor remains that some of the troubles that we see to many African countries - such as Nigeria, Togo, Liberia and the giant South Africa itself — could be interpreted as the growing pains of democracy, the gaping shortcoming is clear: very little is being done to make the people aware of what

It is not just enough to make proclamations of democracy and arrange elections - rigged or otherwise — where the people go to polling booths and cast their ballots. A political culture where people are made fully aware of their rights and the responsibilities and obligations that go with those rights has to be cultivated and nurtured. That is the most important prerequisite for democracy.

Indeed, it goes without saying that many autocratic regimes in Africa could not be expected to garner such a culture simply because it is not in their interest to raise the awareness of their people of their power through the ballot. Instead the leaders are introducing versions and brands of roling which be little to do with democracy.

Recent developments attest to the lack of democratic culture in Africa, although that has to be understood in the context of the continent's long history of exploitation, colonialism and oppression,

What is more striking, however, is the attitude of the so-called champions of democracy in the West. Experts after experts have emphasised the need to raise the awareness of the Africans if the West's declared objective of democracy for all is to be achieved. But what we find today is, again, a selective approach, where Western donors pour aid into the coffers of oppressive regimes while spurning those who have shown willingness to adopt a minimum level of democratic norms which could eventually be developed into full-blown public participation in decision-making. Examples are many in the continent where regimes which continue to be subservient to and cater to the economic interests of past colonial masters are thriving on sheer oppression of their people.

No one can point a gun at anybody and demand that they work to introduce democracy anywhere since the gun itself is undemocratic. But we sure can tell many to stop making a mockery of democracy in Africa.

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DESPITE IRAQ'S reiteration of its willingness and readiness to follow diplomatic channels and pursue dialogue with other nations, and despite its welcome of proposals to overcome obstacles that still impede understanding with the countries that launched aggression on its territory, we still find the leaders of the so-called new world order persisting in their hostility against the Iraqi people, said Al Ra'i daily Sunday. The imposition of the embargo on Iraq and the continued threats against its leadership and people are but a manifestation of the Western world's determination to pursue the path of aggression, the paper said. The despatch of a new batch of U.N. inspectors to Iraq and plans directed against Iraqi military and scientific installations represent the latest form of aggression on Iraq, the paper added. All these measures against Iraq are being undertaken in the name of the United Nations and the international legitimacy but in fact these are pretexts to pave the ground for a new military aggression on Iraq, the paper charged. It seems that by basing its assessment on the U.N. inspections' statement Washington is determined to launch a new round of aggression on the Iraqi people, said the paper. It said we had hoped that the United Nations would be equally determined to carry out its own resolutions in other world issues and in cases that require the use of force to bring about

AMMAN WILL Monday or Tuesday host meetings by the Jordanian — Palestinian political committee, in accordance with a decision taken recently by King Hussein and President Arafat, with the purpose of focusing attention on the outcome of the peace process so far, said Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour daily. The writer said that Jordanian-Palestinian moves in the Middle East question are based on deep understanding on the part of the two sides of their common destiny and goals and also the mean to be followed to safeguard national interests. The writer said that the meeting is expected to discuss the American document which was presented to the Palestinian side to the peace talks an the two sides are expected to take a common attitude with regard to its contents. The writer said that the American document is not suitable as a basis for common principles on with the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations can be based unless deep changes to its contents can be made.

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## VIENNA CONFERENCE

# Where the words can do forever damage

At the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights last month, something happened that should have caught the attention of the participating delegations but did not. When the drafting committee of the world conference was busy negotiating an agreed language on "ethnic cleansing" with a view to condemn it and declare it a grave violation of human rights, the United States delegation introduced what seemed at that moment a benign amendment saying that the crimes associated with ethnic cleansing are what should be targetted and therefore condemned. No one at the meeting seemed to have sense of the significance of this seemingly innocent change in the language on ethnic cleansing except for the Jordanian delegation which immediately took the floor to warn about the American language and its implications from an international humanitarian law and human rights laws.

What Jordan cautioned about is the clear implication of the U.S. new language which clearly suggests that "ethnic cleansing" per se is not a serious violation of humanitarian and human rights laws but only the crimes committed in the course of implementing

It is sad that no other delegation took up the Jordanian complaint, including the other Arab and Muslim nations. It was only after the adoption of the language incorporating the U.S. amendment that many delegations woke up to the dangerous precedent introduced by the U.S. wording.

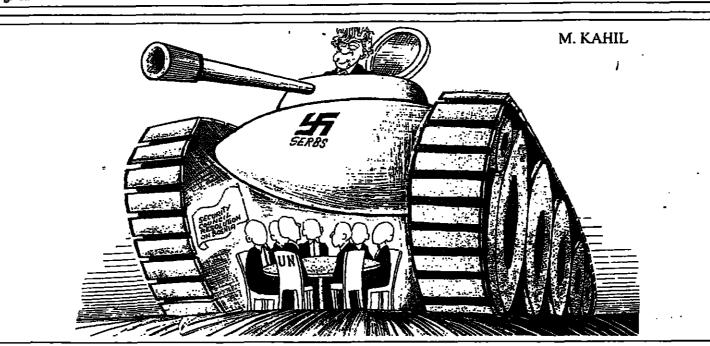
Now the world is stuck with a principle that distinguished between ethnic cleansing per se and the violations that are usually perpetrated when that policy is carried out. In retrospect, many international jurists had their eyebrows raised at the thought of what Washington in fact has done to the notion of ethnic cleansing. There was wide conviction in all circles, East and West, that ethnic cleansing itself is condemnable and not only if systematic rape, summary or extrajudicial execution, disappearances or torture have been committed when it is pursued by any

When the message of the Vienna conference reached other human rights circles within the United Nations system, many human rights experts hastened to declare their readiness to correct the mistake of the Vienna declaration on ethnic cleansing on no ground other than it being contrary to customary international law as well as to humanitarian law as reflected

By Waleed Sadi

already in various instruments and conventions. The Arab and Islamic countries that profess opposition to what has been done in rump Yugoslavia, especially against Muslim Bosnians, should spearhead the corrective measure lest the language of the Vienna declaration on ethnic cleansing should remain untouched and in due course become the international rule of law and as the standard by which ethnic cleansing would be judged not only in Bosnia but elsewhere in the world, including of course the Middle East. The Arab countries, especially, must be concerned about the implications of the Vienna declaration as presently stated for indeed the implications are dangerous as far as the Palestinian conflict is concerned, where there is always a danger that Israel may resort to ethnic cleansing at one stage or another, especially if the peace process comes to naught.

There is also a lesson in what transpired in Vienna. The unweary Arab and Muslim eyes need to wake up to the fact that seemingly benign language may be introduced at times with dire consequences for them in the present and future. It was indeed strange that in spite of the warning that was sounded by Jordan during the world conference against the acceptance of the Washington language none of the other countries did heed the warning. Maybe the late hour at which the Washington amendment was introduced caused other delegations to accept it at face value. Henceforth we all need to be up and on our toes whenever we attend an international conference of the stature of the Vienna world conference and make sure that we do not fall victim to language that could set new standards for the international community without taking into consideration our points of view or our legitimate anxieties.



# Change the U.N.?

# This way it will not work

By Adrian Hamilton

TO CAP the fiasco of European-American relations over Bosnia and the humiliation of Britain over nuclear testing, President Bill Clinton has now thrown in a new irritant - the suggestion of an early enlargement of the U.N. Security Council to include Japan

and Germany. It is an idea that has its merits. Indeed, the case for a thoroughgoing reform of the whole Secur-Council structure is long overdue. So is the case for ending the link between the possession of nuclear weapons and a seat on

the Security Council. "But not at this time," exclaimed a senior U.S. diplomat this weekend, "when the U.N. is shaky and relations with Britain and France are bad enough over Bosnia. It could not be worse."

Well, it could be that, of course. Considering the public disagreements over arming the Bosnians, the appalling gaffe of the letter from Mr. Clinton to Helmut Kohl on the subject just before the Copenhagen summit, and the low esteem in which the U.S. Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, is now held throughout Europe, the remarkable thing is that transatlantic relations have not broken down altogether.

one is in a position to cast the first stone. If you think Mr. Clinton is bad, just think what life would be like if Chancellor Kohl or John Major were sitting in the White

By the same token, however, bad as U.S. foreign policy may be at the moment, Washington is the only act in town, or rather the only town to which the world cap look for leadership.

London and Paris may object sniffily to any widening of the Security Council, for reasons of preserving their own influence as much as anything else, but it is hard to argue that they deserve it.

Britain long ago lost the economic clout to justify world influence, and France has never quite gained it. If the possession of nuclear weapons is to be the criteria for membership, then Israel should be there alongside applications from India, Pakistan, Iran and, not so long ago,

If the possession of nuclear weapons is no longer to be the entry requirement, then the sooner the Security Council is recast on new lines the better.

There is an obvious case -- and has been for some years - for Germany and Japan to be brought into the international re-

sponsibilities that their economic power would justify.

America's espousal of their cause in the Security Council is not necessarily a help. It has been one of the more disturbing features of American policy under President Clinton that, having come in preaching the virtues of regional arrangements, he has tended to seek individual U.S. relations with specific allies.

The letter from Mr. Clinton to Chancellor Kohl two weeks ago seeking German support for lifting the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims was not just mistimed and misplaced, it brought up again old French fears of American interests breaking

up the Community. So too with the U.S.-Japanese relations. While Asia is growing in its own diverse and dynamic pattern. Washington has remained obsessed with Tokyo in a love-hate relationship, all the more pressured since its original security importance ceased with the end of East-West confronta-

Japanese political system cannot take place without American commentators welcoming the move as something that will boost consumer interests and thus lift American exports.

It may. But it may also produce a new generation of politicians much more nationalist and anti-American.

Exciting though it may be to see in Mr. Clinton's actions deeplaid plots for preserving American hegemony by bringing in old enemies as new allies, the opposite is the case.

Foreign initiatives are being taken in a strategic vacuum 'positions rather than policy" as a diplomat puts it - with little sense of any objectives and rather too much sense of domestic

Nothing that America does can be without ramification. In this case, coming together with the U.S. decision to stop nuclear testing, to U.K. embarrassment, it will tend to drive the French and British closer together on security matters. It could produce the right results for all the wrong reasons in Europe. But it is likely to harm the very things Mr. Clin-ton is formally seeking. Reforming the Security Coun-

Even the break-up of the cil at this stage is to open a spanese political system cannot Pandora's box of Third World aspirations and European resentments. The U.N. needs recasting, the world needs new institutions for the post-cold war, but not in this way. - The Observer.

# Raid on Baghdad

# We are all guilty

By Nasser Khasawneh

JUNE 26, 1993: This date will go down in Arab history as the best have accepted for far too long to have acc symbol of the state of humilia-, live under the rule of dictators. twentieth century. On this tragic day, the American president ordered an attack on Baghdad which resulted in the death of several innocent Arabs.

It is said that in politics for every action there is always a pretext or justification. Bill Clinton justified this attack by claiming it was to punish Iraq for allegedly attempting to assassinate ex-President George Bush. Even in the cynical world of over and the Kuwaiti court had clear: Bill Clinton, haunted by attacking the "big Satan" that resulted in tragic consequences poses a threat to American in- for the Arab Nation. terests. Unfortunately for Mr.

this pathetic extent that made it their deaths at the hands of the possible for these lives to be Israeli army --- we watch silently.

wasted so easily.

armies were there to enforce.

that we are prey in the hands of stronger nations determined to use us for the advancement of their own interests regardless of The writer, a masters degree sturesults this could lead to than ty of London. He contributed this what happened on June 26.

tion, apathy and defeatism that who call themselves heads of the Arab people have sadly learnt state. Most countries in the Arab to accept in the second half of the World are governed by autocrats who will do anything to advance their own personal interests regardless of our own. The rule of dictators should be as unacceptable to a proud and free people as the rule of imperialist armies. We should fight them with the same will and dedication we fought the . French army in Algeria and Syria, with the same patriotism and heroism we fought the Ottomans under the banner of the Great Arab Revolt. Our struggle politics, this justification can only for freedom and dignity should come across as a sick joke. For let not have stopped after the expulsion of the foreign powers; this took place while the men accused struggle will be triumphant only of attempting to execute this when we replace the rule of the "Iraqi plan" were still pleading gun with the rule of law. Demotheir innocence; the trial was not cracy and pluralism are the only guarantee against the further denot declared its verdict. This fact cline of the Arab Nation. For the in itself suffices to make nonsense past 50 years or so we have been of the declared American justi- too indifferent and lacking in fication. The real justification is courage to challenge the status quo of autocracy and corruption. unprecedented unpopularity in This status quo has led to far too the polls, was desperate for ways many decisions being left in the to improve his ratings and so he hands of unaccountable and foolwent for a well-tested formula - ish dictators; decisions that have

Thus, my argument is that we Clinton, communism is dead; he are guilty because we have been had to create a new monster, but silent for far too long, and this this time he wanted something silence was just as deadly on June that could be made to look like a 26 as the huge American missiles.

monster while being harmless in We should have spoken out reality. The choice was easy - he against the causes of our weakwent for the powerless Arabs. nesses which made it possible for Having in mind this justifica- this latest raid to take place; we tion, the American attack is, should have fought for a united without a doubt, a crime. In the and democratic Arab state. When minds of the Arab intellectuals will we learn that only by strugwho responded with the custom- gling for this ideal will we ensure ary articles, the identity of the that further such atrocities shall . criminal is obvious; it is the never be committed against our American government. But what people? We should be ashamed I aim to prove here is that this of our indifference and inaction. criminal has an unlikely partner. No people on earth would accept an unwilling accomplice to the silently what the Arabs have crime: The Arab people them- accepted. Thousands of Arabs selves. We share the responsibil- were killed when Israel invaded ity for the lives lost on June 26. Lebanon in 1982 — we watched The victims of the attack were silently and did not raise a finger. innocent but we, the Arab Nation Brothers and sisters of ours were as a whole, are as guilty as the killed when Libya was bombed in American government for their 1986 — again we did nothing murder. We are guilty because Since 1987 and until the present. we have allowed the situation of day hundreds of Arabs in Palesthe Arab Nation to deteriorate to time were and still are meeting

Shouting out slogans and words We are guilty because we have against America and Israel is as accepted for far too long the good as useless. What is needed is division of our one Arab Nation change from within. For what into twenty-one separate states. must be understood is that we are The Arab World was divided in allowing them to commit these order to meet the needs of the atrocities and get away with it imperialist powers in the early When Mr. Clinton considered part of this century. The Arab this last raid he took it for granted World was divided in order to that the Arabs would not respond ensure the eternal weakness of its in any way; he dismissed us as too people. United, the Arabs have a weak and apathetic to do anygreat potential to become a major thing. Let us prove him wrong by economic and cultural power, responding in the most rational France and England recognised way. Our response should be in this, so they drew fictitous lines the form of a major popular on the Arab map and enforced movement to build a strong and them with their colonial armies. united Arab Nation based on We defeated and expelled those democracy and the rule of law. armies, but sadly we forgot to Steps in that direction are being erase the lines and divisions those taken in some parts of the Arab World; the movements towards How on earth can we claim to democracy and unity in Jordan be free and independent when we and Yemen are an excellent start. are still living in the shadow of Let us build on them in every colonialism, when we still recog- corner of the Arab World. Let us nise borders imposed upon and send a message to those who wish not chosen by us? Our ties of us harm: Enough is enough. More importantly, let us try to fact that we are one people, and deal with our guilt towards those still we accept to live divided in who already lost their lives bebut separate states created not by cause of our inaction. The only us by our old imperialist oppres- way to do this is to sacrifice sors. We should never have everything in order to build a accepted a status quo that re- better Arab Nation where injussulted in the weakening of our tice will never be tolerated in nation and which stopped us from silence again. We must do this, if realising our natural potential. not for our own sakes, then for Our acceptance of a divided Arab the sake of the massacred chil-World meant, and still means, dren of Sabra and Shatila, the victims of the intifada, the lost lives of June 26 and our own

children. our own. And there can be no dent, is the current president of better illustration of the tragic the Arab Society of the Universiarticle to the Jordan Times.

# Clinton's roles on foreign trip

By Terrence Hunt The Associated Press

TOKYO — American presidents typically find foreign travel a welcome escape from nagging problems at home, an opportunity to stand tall on the world stage as they grapple with weighty global issues. But with Bill Clinton, his first

trip overseas wasn't quiet so sim-Perhaps supplied the part of paying a lot of attention to foreign affairs, Mr. Clinton didn't want

his stay in Tokyo to leave the impression that he was aloft from the concerns of everyday people. so, he wore two hats: statesman and populist. At one moment, he was the world leader, posing for pictures

with allies and shepherding bil-

lions of dollars of aid for Russia

through the seven-nation econo-

The next moment, Clinton was the concerned president, calling home in a satellite radio address with soothing words of reassurance for flood victims in the

Mr. Clinton's low poll ratings and doubts about his global leadership forced him to juggle foreign and domestic issues in Tokyo. linking what he was doing abroad

with pressing needs at home.

So, at Missing needs at home. the definition of economic summitry was simple: jobs. Or more accurately, American jobs.

He tried to hijack the economic summit and transform it into the jobs summit, a phrase used over and over again by his aides as they discussed the modest efforts of the leaders to stimulate economic growth and lower trade bar-

"Some have called this a jobs

summit," Mr. Clinton has said, acting as if the phrase originated because the creation of new jobs in the United States and in all the other countries here present was at the centre of all of our discus-

The jobs' emphasis extended all the way to discussions over the title of the summit's final com-

The Japanese wanted the name the deside them to be street, the street to be Mr. Clinton's team got it switched to a more populist sounding name: "A strengthened commitment to jobs and

Mr. Clinton has not collected many frequent flyer miles. In fact, the only other trip he's made out of the country in six months was to Vancouver for an April summit with Mr. Yeltsin.

There's a reason for that. Mr.

Clinton wasn't elected to be the foreign policy president. He won the White House with instructions for fix the economy.
When he returns to Washing-

ton from Asia and a quick vacation in Hawaii, he'll find a thorny problem still stuck in his box: the difficult task of refereeing House and Senate negotiators as they seek agreement on a \$500 billion package of painful tax increases and spending cuts.

"I am hoping that what hap-pened this week will strengthen the resolve of the Congress to go ahead and pass the economic plan and to do it in short order so that we can get on to other things." Mr. Clinton said at his summit ending news conference.

Next in line is Mr. Clinton's yet-to-be unveiled national health insurance programme That bitter fight may leave Mr. Clinton longing for another trip overseas.

## **LETTERS**

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To the Editor:

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# Cruise ships pose problem for Caribbean holiday spots

By Sue Kendall Agence France Presse

NASSAU - The increasing number of cruise ships visiting traditional Caribbean tourist spots is causing concern to regional governments.

Apart from fears of falling revenue because cruise ship tourists spend less money in the host country, there are increasing fears of pollution and concern over who will foot the hill,

The cruise lines have pledged \$1.5 million towards the cost of preserving the marine environment, but many Caribbean states feel that is not enough.

The principal natural resource of the Caribbean island states is their environment," Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham told Caribbean Community

By David Keys ONE OF the greatest yet least known of 20th century photographers is being commemorated in an exhibition which has just

The 74 photographs in the show at the Simon Tracy Gallery in Marylebone, north-west London, were taken by the American ethnologist Edward Curtis be-

Curtis carried out the largest photographic record made of American Indian life. He took 40,000 pictures, of which 2,300 were attached to a 291-edition, N-volume work he produced on his researches. His work was supported by President Roosevelt, who wrote in a foreword: "Our generation offers the last chance to do what Mr. Curtis has done. He has caught glimpses into that strange spiritual life and mental life from

whose innermost recesses white men are forever barred."

Curtis recorded the costumes,

Despite Roosevelt's generally

accurate claim that non-Indians

were "forever barred" from the

"innermost recesses" of Indian

spiritual life, Curtis did become

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(Caricom) leaders at their annual summit here this week.

"There is always the continuing risk of serious environmental and ecological disruption resulting from the cumulative impact of debris left in the Carribean by the freighters and the pleasure cruisers and other craft which traverse the Caribbean,"

Because we are all so dependent on tourism as the principle engine of our economies, marine pollution could savage the core of economic activity in the majority of islands," Mr. Ingraham added.

The Caricom summit ended after a marathon final session during which delegates struggled to agree on ways to cope with the

The regional leaders finally announced agreement in principle that the 13 member states daymakers visiting tourist-depen-

would set a minimum level for a dent economies such as the Bahaport tax on all cruise passengers. But they were unable to agree on a figure.

"We do not have a number," Mr. Ingraham told a press conference, "but the principle of the minimum tax was agreed."

The Bahamas and Jamaica are already charging a so-called head tax for cruise passengers of \$15 and would favour a minimum for the region of \$10, but other smaller Caricom members feel this is

Barbados Prime Minister Erskine Sandiford made it clear to reporters that his country's agreement to double its current tax from three to six dollars in September was as far as he was prepared to go for the moment. At one time most of the holimas arrived by plane and stayed for at least several days.

But in the past decade cruiseship tourism has become increasingly popular, and by 1990 the region saw 7.5 million cruiseship visitors against 11.8 million "It is not our fault that the

land-based tourists. The two sets of visitors spent a total of \$8.9 billion, and tourism provided some 300,000 jobs in a region where the total population is less than six million.

But Caribbean governments fear that cruise ships are increasingly self-sufficient and their passengers are bringing in less money to local economies.

The passengers sleep on board, often eat on board and are increasingly being offered everything they could wish to buy on

board as well, officials say.

Caricom's tourist-dependent states feel the cruise ships are not contributing enough to the cost of the infrastructure needed for the visitors, or to combat pollution.

Pacific Islands are far apart, that the Mediterranean is polluted, or Norway and Alaska are cold even in the summer," St. Vincent and the Grenadines Premier James Mitchell told delegates to this week's Caricom summit.

"The cruise ship business is one fast area of growth even in these recessionary times.'

"If a tourist cannot afford a \$10 bill tip a day on holiday, then I am not sure that this is the type of person we want in our relatively unpolluted environment," Mr. Mitchell added.

# Glimpses from a forgotten life



Tearing Lodge, a Piegan Indian's photo belonging to

Edward Curtis's 40,000 photographs of North America

ly. He was the only white man to be enrolled as a Hopi Indian priest - and took part in the ultra-secret 16-day Hopi Snake Dance, perhaps the most famous of all North American Indian

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Indians did — and once almost lost his life while trying to catch

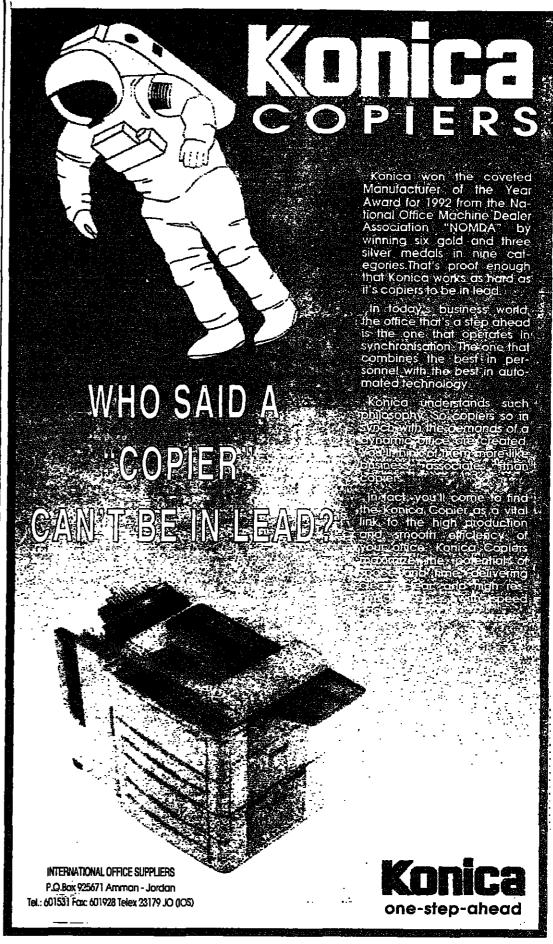
Before World War I there was - for \$360,000 (£243,000).



Hopi snake priest

making sound recordings) of In-. great public enthusiasm for his dian life, he tried to live as the work. But from 1914 until the seventies, interest was low. Recent years, however, have seen a giant octopuses with his hands. resurgence, a set of his 20-volume. The Indians called him "Shadow gwork Complete with its 2,300 resurgence, a set of his 20-volume pictures) sold at auction last year

Curtis died, aged 84, in 1952. He spent many years in a Denver hospital suffering from physical and mental exhaustion and ended his days in anonymity on a Californian farm raising ducks and chickens - The Inde-



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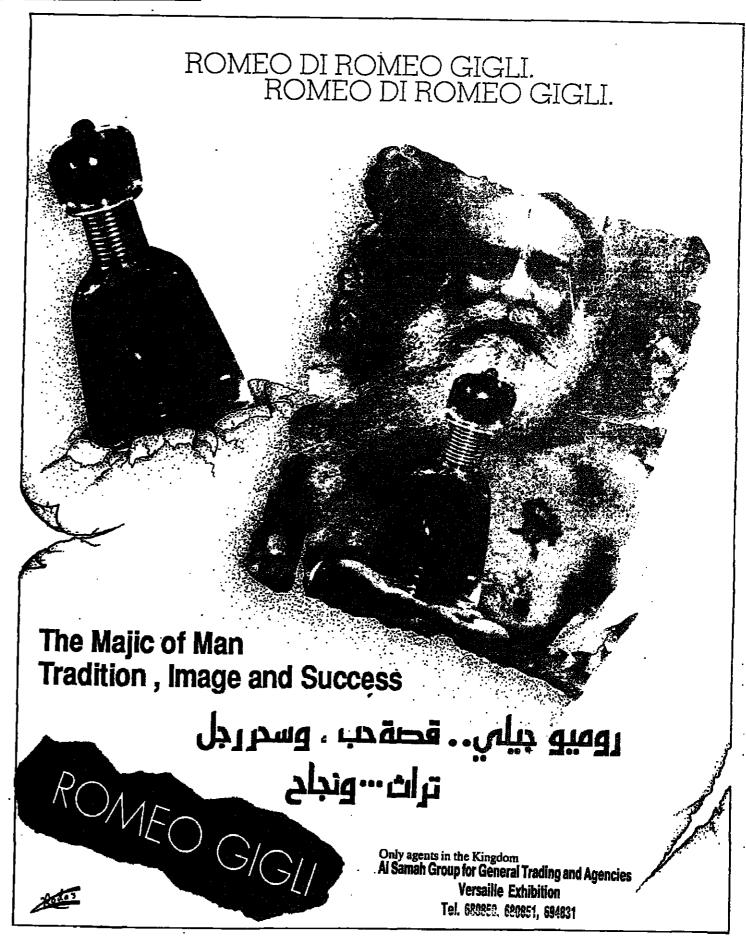
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# EC says it lost all the job benefits of 1980 boom years

pean Community (EC) has lost all the employment gains it made buring the boom years of the late 1980's, the EC's executive European Commission has said.

In a report on the EC's unemployment crisis, it confirmed predictions that the jobless rate would climb to 12 per cent by the end of 1994, up from about 10.6 per cent currently.

Political leaders estimated that a 12 per cent unemployment rate translates into a record 20 million people without jobs

Presenting the report, Social Affairs Commissioner Padraig Flynn said: "The outlook is extremely sombre. We need more economic growth but we will not solve the unemployment problem by growth alone. A new approach

is urgently needed." He warned that there were no 'warned against the "foolish" impulse to erect trade barriers against the outside world by blocking imports.

Mr. Flynn said: "We need to develop a more employmentintensive pattern of output. We need to develop new jobs in new sectors. We need to make the labour market systems work bet-

EC leaders instructed the commission at a Copenhagen summit last month to prepare proposals on growth, competitiveness and employment by the year-end.
Officials have indicated that it

could focus on reducing social charges on employers but maintaining welfare standards through, for example, energy

Mr. Flynn's report said there had been a reversal of the during the boom years of the late 1980's, when nine million new jobs had been created.

"By the end of 1993, it is estimated that all the gains of the 1980's in terms of employment will have been lost, and unemployment will be back at its 1985

The report said that: Manufacturing labour costs are highest in Germany, followed by Belgium, and lowest in Portugal. Costs in Britain are on the low end of the scale, just above

— Surveys of employers indi-cate that workers have the greatest social protection in Italy and the lowest in Britain. - Labour costs are highest in Hamburg, followed by the Paris

region. South-east England has

roughly the same low cost struc-

Spain and Ireland.

 In 1992, only 60 per cent of people of working age in the EC were at work, compared to 70 per cent in the United States and 75

per cent in Japan. In 1991 45 per cent of the EC unemployed had been out of work for a year or more. The figure was over 65 per cent in Italy, and more than 60 per cent in Belgium and Ireland.

- Since the early 1970's the United States has created three times as many jobs as the EC. - The jobless rate had already passed its previous 1985 peak in Britain, France, Denmark, Ire-

land and Itlay.

- In Germany and Denmark. over 70 per cent of the population has "post-compulsory" education, compared to less than 40 per cent in Britain, 30 per cent in Spain and 15 per cent in Portugal.

# Third World health care seen profitable investment

two million children die each year, mostly in the Third World, ing, which reached \$23 billion last of illnesses that could be prevented with inexpensive vaccines.

Further, more than seven million adults die of diseases such as tuberculosis, which could be prevented at little cost, according to the World Health Organisation. The World Bank views such loss not only as tragic — but as

the bane of production. In its annual World Development Report, the bank also warns that unless the spread of AIDS is curbed, the worldwide death toll from the disease could reach more than 1.8 million by the end of the century.

The report looks at disease with a banker's eye and views prevention as an investment that will pay off in the reduction of

The leading source of loans for poor countries, the World Bank 10 out of 100.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly earns about \$1 billion annually and plows it back into new lend-

> Much of the nearly \$2 trillion currently devoted to health services worldwide "is either spent on the wrong things, or wasted, or used primarily to help the better off," said Dean Jamison, the bank official who led the team making the report.

> He said nearly two million children die each year from diseases such as measles, tetanus and whooping cough, which in betterdeveloped countries are prevented with inexpensive vaccines. Yet, the report also cited prog-

A Third World infant born in 1950 could expect to live only to 40. By 1990, the age was 63. In 1950 about 28 every 100 babies died before they were five. In 1990, the number had dropped to disease is believed to have been wiped out.

The report, called "Investing in Health," says health care not only helps people live longer, happier lives, but has other benefits as well.

It gave several examples: - In the area around Madras, India, a study found that among people who had leprosy, those deformed by the disease earned only about one-third as much as those who were not deformed. If deformity could have been prevented among India's 645.000 lepers, the country's annual production would have increased by

about \$130 million. — In African valleys, innoculations for river blindness, or onchocerciasis, helps about 30 million people at a cost of less than \$1 each. The project has made available about 25 million

In 1950, smallpox killed five hectares (60 million acres) of million people a year. Now, the cropland as people returned to abandoned areas. The bank estimates the annual rate of return on money spent at 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

— In the mountain kingdom of Nepal, only five out of every 100 mainourished children go to school. But of those those who simply get enough to eat, 27 out-of every 100 are likely to show up in the classroom.

The bank calculated that the poorest countries spend an average of \$6 per citizen a year on health care, but that programmes costing as few as \$12 per person annually could cut disease by about 25 per cent.

It said those programmes should include child immunizations, health serives at schools and the distribution of information about family planning, nutrition, tobacco, alcohol and AIDS.

# Survey: Japanese corporate profitability deteriorates

TOKYO (Agencies) - Efficiency of Japanese businesses listed on the nation's three major stock exchanges deteriorated further in the financial year ended March 31. the Nihon Keizai Shimbun has reported.

Return on equity - after-tax profits as a percentage of share-holder funds — of 1,479 listed Japanese firms was the lowest in 20 years at 3.64 per cent, down from 4.43 per cent in fiscal 1975, when economy was hit by the oil crisis, according to a survey conducted by the daily.

The economic daily's survey covered 1,479 companies listed on the Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya stock exchanges, except for banks, securities companies and insurance firms.

The sharp drop stemmed mainly from a 37 per cent decline in the combined net profits of the listed companies, the daily said.

The survey also showed that the turnover ratio of total liabilities and net worth, a benchmark index to\_measure how efficiently a company used its capital, was at a 20-year low of 1.02 in all industries in fiscal 1992, down from 1.08 the previous year.

Companies had failed to increase sales in spite of efforts to markets

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trim assets, such as manufacturing facilities, the daily said. Another survey showed that nearly three-quarters of Japan's leading companies plan cutbacks in the number of graduates they hire next year.

Sevent-four per cent of firms surveyed said they would reduce their recruit intake. The planned cutbacks in recruitment averaged about 33 per cent, said the survey, published in the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper.

The biggest reductions will occur in the electronics, computer, communications machinery, precision machinery and other manufacturing sectors, the survey

Leading camera maker Minolta Camera Čo. and Japan Airlines Co. will hire no new graduates at all, said the survey, conducted among 200 major companies.

A similar poll conducted by Kyodo News Agency last week showed about seven in 10 Japanese companies planned drastic cuts in recruitment.

Japanese companies, battling the worst economic slowdown since World War II, are under intense pressure to cut costs. A stronger yen is also undermining their competitiveness in overseas

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Bank of Japan Governor Yasushi Mieno said recently that the decine of the Japanese economy has ceased and activity might begin to recover in the second half of fiscal 1993 ending

in March. "Generally speaking, the economy has stopped falling further, there is no change in the prospects that it could start recovering moderately in the latter half," the central bank chief told a press conference.

Branch managers of the central bank had taken the same view at their last week that recovery of the Japanese economy would be 'very modrate," Mr. Mieno said.

No major improvement had been seen in capital investment by companies nor in consumer spending, while business confidence remained depressed by the high exchange value of the yen.

The central bank governor said that a careful approach was necessary to solve the problem of Japan's huge trade surplus.

Mr. Mieno said that excessive stimulation of the economy to help slash the surplus would invite inflation in Japan and that would be harmful to stable

# New 5-year S.Korean plan too 'rosy' to achieve, critics say

Young-Sam's new five-year economic plan aiming to bring South Korea to the threshold of leading industrial country status by 1998 is too "rosy" to achieve, critics

According to the new develop-ment plan Kim announced Friment plan Kim announced Friday, four months after taking government has already released office, South Korea will achieve annual growth of seven per cent the stagnant economy but there to double its per capita gross are as yet few signs of new national product (GNP) to 14,000 investment in the manufacturing

The plan also says that with an annual 10 to 11 per cent boost in exports, the nation's balance of year's expected deficit of \$1.4 billion to \$5.3 billion in surplus by 1998, while inflation will be pegged down at an annual average of In addition, a labour dispute at 3.7 per cent over the next five the country's top business group,

"We are trying to catch three rabbits (growth, prices and trade another annual round of hefty surplus) at the same time, and this is an impossible objective," said Yoon In-Hax, the opposition Democratic Party policy committee vice chairman.

"Besides the new plan did not reveal how and where money will be raised to finance all the industrial and infrastructural products," Mr. Yoo added.

The ruling Democratic Liberal

financing is the problem yet to be resolved. But he counters that catching the "three rabbits" is an appropriate objective since the national economy cannot develop soundly if even one of them remains free.

a \$7.5 billion fund to reinvigorate

He says that the fund is adding inflationary pressure with consumer prices already rising by 4.2 payments will improve from this per cent during the first six months of this year despite a government target for the whole year of 4.9 per cent.

> Hyundai, threatens to spread to other firms, which could result in wage hikes which the government is trying hard to avoid.
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> Mr. Suh points out that South

> Korea's international competitiveness has weakened sharply because of the high annual wage hikes averaging 18 per cent in the last six years, producing an eight to 10 per cent disparity with the rises in productivity.

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nomy by accepting a lower wage one labour union leader.

Korea University business administration professor Le e Pil-Sang regretted that ther new economic plan did not clarify how soon the 50-called real-name financial transaction system would be put into force.

He argues that the ban on the use of fictitious names in financial transaction should be enforced immediately to wipe out the nation's tax-evading underground economy, which reputedly constitutes 30 per cent of the national President Kim himself pledged

during his election campaign to implement the real-name system promptly as a way of stamping out graft and corruption and insti-tuting economic "justice" in the

But the new government is delaying its enforcement out of fears that "black money" might flee the fledgling stock market and move abroad.

Mr. Such says that the five-year economic plan was hastly drafted in a few months so it needs refinement in the course of execution.

"This new five-year economic Party policy coordination chief, will listen to President Kim's plea plan is not our Bible but simply a Suh Sang-Mox, a Stanford- for them to share the pain of the guideline," Mr. Suhu says.

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LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Stay away from an older person who used to fascinate you today and also one who is a secret opponent while tonight brings an interesting time socially.

7% growth in 1993 JAKARTA (AFP) — Indonesia's non-gas exports, but also by

year, buoyed by an improvement after the country's prolonged in world growth and domestic slow growth. demand, the Indonesian central bank said.

seven per cent in 1993," the latest at 6.3 per cent. annual Bank Indonesia report

growth last year at 6.1 per cent, and non-gas sector growth mea-said this growth would not only sured in terms of GDP rose to 7.7 be induced by foreign demand, per cent compared to 6.3 per cent especially expansion in non-oil in 1991.

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An annual report on Indonesia by the World Bank issued last "In view of the .. external and month, put Indonesia's economic internal factors, Indonesia's eco- growth at 5.8 per cent last year nomy is expected to grow close to and estimates this year's growth

The Bank Indonesia report said that despite the slowdown in .The report, which estimated overall economic growth, non-oil

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY JULY 12, 1993

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By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Make sure that you do nothing today to stir up the wrath of others as you control irksome conditions existing about you. Your finest heretofore unknown solutions that come in very handy at this point.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) During the day don't take up old matters which have been delayed but be on qui vive for fascinating new interests, tonight enjoy a char-

Whatever you have in mind where your attachment is concerned. forget it and concentrate upon business matters with others. tonight make your surroundings

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your charm won't work today

on that person it usually does and your health needs special attention but tonight personal contacts with good friends can delight you.

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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to to December 21) A condition from the past can arise to distrub you and you need to use care with money during the day but tonight be with charming pals.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Your own judgement is not good during the day and don't fuss and fret over what you can't avoid while tonight outside interests can be excellent for you. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Friends and acquaintances are the best means for you to have constructive results both today and tonight while the daytime is not

good for private anxieties. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Look for some interesting situation that can bring you considerable pleasure tonight after a day when most everyone around you has been difficult.

#### IASC celebrated its 20th anniversary on June 29, 1993 and accounting standards.

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#### The corporate sector could be and reverses four decades of ments, India's performance with respect to humn development is

spend more on health care, education and welfare to counter widespread poverty and illiteracy in the countryside, a central bank

study says. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) says India has neglected the countryside in favour of developing costly higher-level institutions such as universities and

hospitals in towns and cities. As a result it has fallen far behind many other developing countries in Asia, including China, in terms of infant mortality levels and life expectancy.

encouraged to take part more actively in financing social sector projects through tax relief, says

the report. Despite dramatic increases in food grain output, much of the population remains undernourished, according to the study. It recommends refocusing health spending on public health,

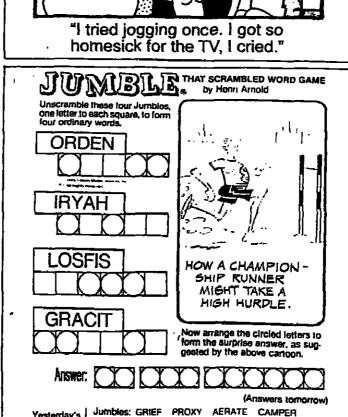
to improve sanitation, drinking water quality and family welfare. The study is part of a general reassessment by India of its spending priorities as it adopts a more market-oriented economy

Indian-style socialism. In a landmark speech in Calcutta last week, Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao signalled the end of state domination of heavy industry, arguing that the

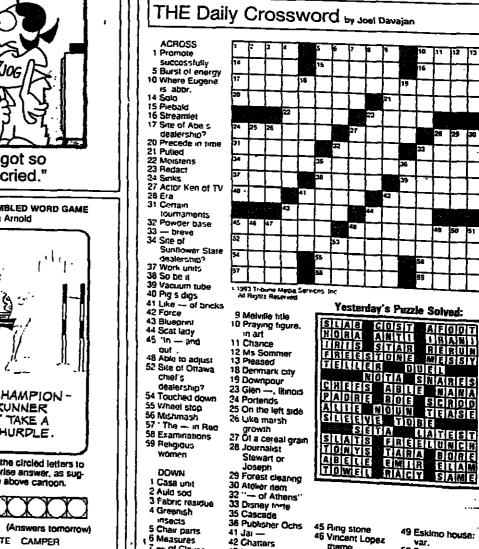
government should use its resources for health and welfare. After independence in 1947, India developed huge state-run heavy industries while failing to provide adequate health care or education for the poor. Of a population that now totals 880

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#### Foreign Exchange Market Summary (July 6 — July 9, 1993)

AMMAN — The U.S. dollar was firm against all other major currencies last week. It ended the week 1.54 per cent higher against the mark, 1.79 per cent against Sterling and 1.26 per cent higher against the yen. Negotiations between Japan and the rest of the G-7 countries, particularly with the U.S. was the overwhelming concern among market participants throughout last week.

After the Independence Day holiday in New York Monday, the dollar moved higher against the mark Tuesday, but remained unchanged against the yen and sterling. Its rally appeared to reflease of the Commodity Research Bureau Index that day. The index, which tracks prices of major U.S. commodities, surged to its highest level since November 1991, indicating that inflation rates were rising in the U.S. The dollar tracks are reflected to the commodities of the commodities are reflected to the commodities of the commodities are reflected to the commodities of th was also supported by increased speculation, that further German rate cuts are likely in the near future.

The dollar fell against the yen Wednesday, but remained unchanged against the mark, after a Japanese government official was quoted as saying that a rate of 95 to 105 yen per dollar could be a threshold for Japanese exporters. Observers said that these comments might have convinced market participants that Japan could tolerate a stronger yen policy. The yen's rally was halted however, as a Japanese finance ministry official indicated later, that the previous comments by the government official did not represent Japan's foreign exchange rate policy. The dollar, thus ended at 107.55 yen, its lowest for the week. The dollar was also firm against sterling that day, in response to widespread rumors that the Bank of England was selling sterling for marks to replenish reserves.

The dollar rebounded against the yen Thursday. Traders attributed much of Thursday's rise of growing sense of optimism about on-going talks between the U.S. and Japan for a new bilateral trade framework.

On Friday, however, the dollar moved sharply higher against all other major currencies, especially European currencies, after the G-7 call for lower European interest rates, raised market expectations for another Bundesbank rate cuts soon, along with other European central banks. The dollar also moved higher against the French francs. Despite Bank of France intervention, it closed at 5.8580 franc per dollar. Analysts indicated that France is considering withdrawing its currency from the ERM which increased speculation that Germany would have to cut

interest rates to prevent such an action.

Rumors that the U.S. and Japan could agree on a trade framework in the near future also supported the dollar against the yen. The dollar, thus ended at 1.7225 marks, and 109.88 yen, whereas sterling ended at 1.5075 dollars, its highest for the

#### New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the

Currency	2/7/1993 Close	9/7/1993 Close	Percent Change
Sterling Pound	1.5075	1.4805	(1.79)%
Deutsche Mark	1.6960	1.7225	(1.54)%
Swiss Franc	1.5110	1.5315	17.34)%
French Franc	5.7383	5.8580	12.0413
Japanese Yen	108.50	109.88	[1.26]}

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U.S. Dollar	0.6980	0.7000	
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Deutsche Mark	0.4048	0.4068	
Swiss Franc	0.4553	0.4576	
French Franc	0.1190	0.1196	
Japanese Yen*	0.6345	0.6377	
Dutch Guilder	0.3601	0.3619	
Swedish Krona	0.0873	0.0877	
Italian Lira	0.0440	0.0442	
Belgian Franc	0.01963	0.01973	

# Gulf states urged to improve industrial investment laws

ABU DHABI (AFP) - A government group which advises on industrial policies in wealthy Gulf Arab states has urged its meman outflow of funds.

The Doha-based Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultancy (GOIC) said domestic investment had surged to 67 per cent of the local savings in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in 1991 from 31 per cent in 1980.

"Despite such a sharp increase, a large part of the savings still do not find their way into invest-ment, especially the industrial sector," it said in a study. "This requires finding ways and policies that will attract savings and direct them into investment instead of their flight abroad."

GCC states have offered incentives to the private sector to encourage industrial investment but there are still restrictions on capital movement among them despite a 1982 agreement to integrate their markets.

The six members - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Oatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are also reluctant to open their huge energy sector for private funds on the grounds it is

a strategic industry. This has drawn complaints from local businessmen, who argue investment opportunities in other sectors in the region remain limited. As a result, most of the private funds are invested abroad and estimated at \$160 billion, nearly half the total overseas GCC government assets.

But a government-led campaign to diversify sources of income has largely expanded nonoil industries although they rebers to improve investment laws mained confined to light products to boost that sector and reverse such as cement, aluminium, paper, garments, chemicals and per-

> Official figures showed GCC states now have more than 5,000 factories, yielding nearly 10,000 products with an added value of \$14.7 billion in 1991 compared with \$11.4 billion in 1985,

> Industrial exports exceeded \$8 billion in 1991 while the sector's share in the gross domestic product steadily rose to 10.8 per cent in 1991 from 7.1 per cent in 1985 and less than three per cent in

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest crude exporter, has the largest industrial sector in the GČC, with around 1,880 factories and investment of \$30 billion. It is followed by the UAE, which has around 1,500 industrial units with investment of more than \$20 bil-

The GOIC proposed the creation of "joint GCC holding companies" to pool private funds and channel them into the industrial sector given the large capital and number of subscribers of such

"The absence of such com-panies in the GCC has made private industrial investment scattered in small ventures as surveys show that projects with a capital of less than \$500,000 account for around 45 per cent of the total industrial projects in member

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# Business boom spurs major steel projects in Gulf Arab countries

ABU DHABI (AFP) - A construction upswing has promoted the oil-rich Gulf states to embark on major projects to set up new steel plants and expand existing

Saudi Arabia, the leading steel producer in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is expanding its plant to meet local and regional demand, while Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) plan to set up new

"The construction sector in the GCC has steadly grown since the end of the Gulf war and the growth is expected to continue given its high investment yield," said Adel Sham, director of the UAE Contractors' Association.

"This has boosted demand for cement, steel and other building materials to its highest level in 15 years. Such projects are necessary to prevent a sudden shortage and avoid reliance on imports."

Saudi Arabia currently produces around two million tonnes of steel a year, more than 70 per cent of the region's output. Its expansion project was spurred by a sharp growth in domestic demand.

Qatar said it would boost the production capacity of its existing plant by 140,000 tonnes to 700,000 tonnes a year and build a new unit with a capacity of 500,000 tonnes at a cost of 1.2 billion riyals (\$329 million).

The projects had prompted

of 300 million riyals (\$82.4 million). Qatari officials said the plans were approved by local and foreign shareholders.

According to Qatari Water and Electricity Minister Ahmad Al Subai, the emirate is producing 80 per cent above its designed capacity to meet demand.

The expansions will not affect our sales despite similar expansions in Saudi Arabia," he said. There is a large gap in the Gulf market between and supply."
The other GCC states —

Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman — do not produce steel, while the UAE plans to build a plant at a cost of around \$408 million, with capac-

plans to double the capital of the Qatari Steel Company (QASCO) ity of 600,000 tonnes a year. "We currently import 70 per cent of our needs from Qatar and the rest from Turkey and other countries. But the plant will largely reduce such imports and it could be expanded later," Mr.

Sham said. A recent report by the Contractors' Association showed investment in the GCC building sector peaked to nearly \$30 billion 1992, contributing by more than 15 per cent of their Gross Domestic Product.

Saudi Arabia accounted for about \$15 billion, or half the total. Economists attributed this to the high investment return from real estate, estimated at between 10 and 15 per cent.

# Saudi cement firm to spend \$200m on expansion

ment company has invited tenders for an estimated \$200 million expansion programme to double

its production capacity. The general manager of the Arabian Cement Company Limited (ACCL). Mohammad Najib Kheder, said five international firms had been invited to submit. bids for a 4,000-tonnes-a-day plant.

"I expect that we will sign the contract to build the plant by the end of this year," Mr. Kheder said by telephone from Jeddah. Mr. Kheder did not name the companies but said they were

from Germany, France, Japan He said the decision was taken after a feasibility study carried out by the Swiss cement company

Holderbank Financière Glarus A.G. and a market study by a local firm.

Cement industry sources say that demand for cement in the kingdom is still high, six months after the Saudi authorities cut duties on imported cement from 20 per cent to 12 per cent.

Mr. Kheder told Reuters thademand for cement "is still high and I expect it to remain so for the next few years."

The chairman of the Yamama Cement Company, Prince Sultan Bin Mohammad Bin Saud Al Kabir, said demand for cement was growing steadily but there was enough available in the king-

He said Saudi Arabia consumes around 15 million tonnes of cement annually, one million

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tonnes more than the total pro-duced by seven cement com-tract for construction of the plant panies in the kingdom.

Mr. Kheder said the new ACCL plant would come on stream early in 1996 and match the output capacity of its 4,000tonnes-a-day plant at Rabigh, 140 kilometres north of Jeddah.

He said his firm had already imported 250,000 tonnes of clinker, a stony residue from burnt coal, from Turkey and Egypt in 1993 and expected to import another 250,000 tonnes of clinker

by the end of the year. Another Saudi firm, Southern Province Cement Company, said ast month it had invited tenders from seven international firms for

construction of an estimated \$210 million cement plant. Chairman Amer Saed Bourgan

in Asir province in southwestern Saudi Arabia by the end of 1993.

Most of the publicly traded firms plan to spend around four billion riyals (\$1.1 billion) to boost production capacity by around seven million tonnes annually to meet growing demands for cement.

A construction boom in Saudi Arabia since the end of the Gulf crisis in 1991 had caused a shortage of cement in the kingdom, but the shortage was easing off gradually.

The kingdom imported 200,000. tonnes of cement late last year to help overcome the shortage and economists expect imports will grow substantially until expansion plans are completed.

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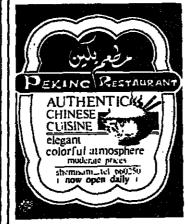
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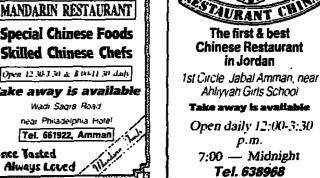
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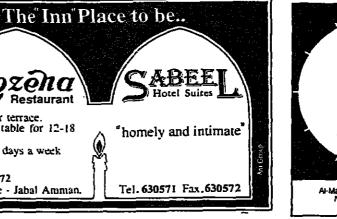
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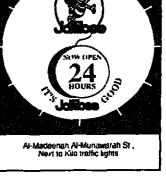
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g-year-old saves

IRVINE, California (AP) — A nine-year-old boy saved bis

mother's life by pulling her to shallow water when she began to

drown in the family pool. "I was

thinking - I have to save her or

we won't have a mom anymore,"
said Eric Chang. "I don't feel like
a hero. I just feel relieved."
Police Sgt. Dave Freedland said

Eric and his 5-year-old sister

Elaine were watching their

mother in the pool. Jensen

Chang, 36, who had not been

swimming in recent years, drifted

toward the deep end, where she

had trouble keeping her head above water. Eric jumped in and

pulled Mrs. Chang toward the step, where he held her up and

ried to give her cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which he learned in school. Elaine called for help.

Paramedics found Eric keeping

his mother afloat. "These are very sharp kids." Sgt. Freedland

said. "They saved their mom's life." "My mom told me it was

like a nightmare." Eric said after visiting her in the hospital. "And

she told me 'thank you for saving

Maradona announces

RUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Diego Maradona has announced that a film about his

life in which he will reveal "the

whole truth" about his drug use.

In an interview late Friday with a

local television station, Marado-

na said the film will tell the

whole truth about the time he was

jailed for using drugs, who threw

me to the lions, who threw me to

the dogs, the truth that every-body is hiding. He did not say who would portray the 1986

World Cup most valuable player

in the film. Maradona tested posi-

tive for cocaine after a March 17.

1991 Italian League match when

he played for Napoli and was

suspended for 15 months on April

6, 1991. Twenty days later, Mara-

dona was arrested with two

friends in a Buenos Aires apart-

ment on drug possession charges.

He was released on bail and

sentenced to undergo treatment

for drug abuse under court super-.

vision. He is still under treat-

ment. The film, which is to go into production shortly, will be directed by his friend Fito Paez, a

popular rock singer and songwri-

ter who is now on tour in Chile.

Maradona said "the film will

probably create problems for me

because it will tell about others

who used and continue to use

drugs. I'll tell the whole truth

about me to the Argentines."

film about his life

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# inton promises 'strong' America, Warns N. Korea on nuclear arms

ton Sunday issued another stern warning to North Korea against developing nuclear weapons, saying such a move would trigger massive retaliation.

"It is pointless for them to try to develop nuclear weapons, because if they did it would be the end of their country," Mr. Clinton said after visiting the Bridge of No Return here separating North and South Korea.

The stark warning came four days before U.S. and North Korean negotiators meet in Geneva to discuss the North's refusal to allow international inspection of its suspected nuclear weapons development sites.

But the president, who was two years old when the Korean War broke out in 1950 and who opposed the Vietnam War, also said he hoped the time would come when "they (the North Koreans) will just be able to walk over here in peace."

He became the first U.S. president to go so close - 20 metres - to the mid-point of the Militry Demarcation Line running hrough the heavily reinforced demilitarised zone which divides the two Koreas.

It was on that bridge that the last U.S. prisoners of war were returned after the war ended with a divided Korea in July of 1953, and where the captured crewmen of the Pueblo, a U.S. merchant ship detained by the North for several months, were returned in

Earlier during his two-hour visit to the zone, Mr. Cinton talked with U.S. troops at nearby Outpost Ouellette in Camp Boniface, known as the "tripwire" to any mass North Korean attack on the South.

Boniface was named after an American soldier killed by axewielding North Koreans in 1976

HANOI (R) - Vietnam flatly

denied Sunday it was holding any

U.S. prisoners, but U.S. Senator

Bob Smith, an activist on the

missing-in-action (MIA) issue.

said he would keep following up

reports that some were being

"We have evidence to the con-

trary and we just have to pursue

it," the New Hampshire Republi-

Secretary Les Aspin and Secret-, of the vision. ary of State Warren Christopher, from taking a helicopter to the DMZ, drenched the camp.

green fatigue jacket, khaki trousthrough binoculars over a misty valley at North Korean border guards 150 metres away and at "propaganda village", a fake northern village with no inhabi-

He was briefed by U.S. Army Colonel John Shortall from a sandbagged outpost covered with camouflage netting, overlooking deep camouflaged bunkers and

"Anyone who sees this will understand why we have to stay," in Korea, he said referring to the palpable tension along the demarcation line.

"We should all be proud of our young men in uniform up here...This confirms the wisdom of what our country has been doing for the past 40 years. If we stay strong and resolute we know that this will work."

Mr. Clinton's tough tone, coupled with his expressed hopes for eventual reunification of the Korean peninsula and the knocking down of the last Cold War wall. reflected the tone of his two-day visit to South Korea.

During the visit, which was scheduled to end later Sunday after meetings with servicemen and their families, he outlined a "vision" for the Asia Pacific based on what he called the bedrock of U.S. military presence, told North Koreans not to underestimate Washington and assured the South that U.S. troops would stay as long as the Korean people wanted them to.

But, he said, in speeches on the first day of the visit Saturday. dialogue, the support of demo-Heavy rains and lightning that cratic movements and the eli-

spending four days in Vietnam

investigating reports of sightings

Sen. Smith described as in-

adequate U.S. government

attempts to trace troops still listed

as missing in action and said

Hanoi had agreed to look again a:

the so-called "Russian docu-

of U.S. prisoners after 1973.

PANMUNJOM, Korea (Agencies) — U.S. President Bill Clinparty, which included Defence the region were an essential part to crush North Korean troops in party, which included Defence the region were an essential part to crush North Korean troops in

Asked how long he thought Korea would remain divided, he said: "I don't know, I hope it The president, dressed in a won't be long but in the meantime, I am glad you men (U.S. ers and a U.S. army hat, looked servicemen) are here. In the end

our side...will prevail."

Thousands of front-line U.S. troops forgot the threat from the North for an hour at Camp Casey Sunday to give President Clinton a roaring welcome.

The troops of the frontline Second Division, the unit closest. to Korea's tense demilitarised zone, roared their approval when he said he had gone closer to the demarcation line than any U.S. president since the end of the war here in 1953.

Speaking to the gathering in a huge hanger out of the driving rain. Mr. Clinton called the men the critical part of the finest forces in the United States of

"I saw the North Korean guards through binoculars...and because of you some day they will be free." Mr. Clinton told them to another round of deafening applause, foot-stomping and sisties.

Though some said the cold war and all sorts of threats to the U.S. may have ended, "many threats continue," he said.

'You are second to none," he told the delighted troops, repeating the division motto, and went on to assure them that though the defence budget was being cut -"U.S. forces must still be able to gat and win a war, and that nning edge is you."
As he left the hangar, Clinton

— true to form — grabbed a saxaphone from the hands of a member of the military band that had hailed the chief on his way in, and played.

Meanwhile, Defence Secretary Les Aspin Sunday assured South Korea that Washington would

nam's figure for U.S. prisoners

namese Deputy Foreign Minister

Le Mai said at the news confer-

ence that cooperation was very

good, but Sen. Smith said the

Vietnamese should be providing

more information on MIAs and

Both Sen. Smith and Viet-

case of renewed war on the Korean peninsula.

Mr. Aspin met Defence Minister Kwon Young-Hae for talks to dispel South Korea's concern over a defence strategy being discussed in Washington.

In a move to cut the military budget, Washington has been discussing the "win-hold-win" strategy of fighting one war at a time if conflict broke out in two regions at once, holding the line on the other until the first was

"Defence Secetary Aspin told Kwon the United States should be able to preserve an ability to fight and win two regional wars at once," a Defence Ministry snokesman said.

Secretary of State Christopher said the United States will not seek improved ties with North Korea before the Communist state resolves nucle ir suspicions by opening its faci ties to U.N. and inter-Korean inspections, South Korean officials said Sun-

Mr. Christopher reconfirmed the American position when he met with his South Korean counterpart, Han Sung-Joo, for 50 minutes Sunday, the Foreign Ministry officials said.

Mr. Christopher briefed Mr. Han on what the United States would seek to achieve in next week's high-level talks with North Korea in Geneva.

Later Sunday President Clinton left South Korea at the end of Mr. Clinton and his wife Hill-

ary are heading for Hawaii, where they will inspect the islands' military garrison and pay their respects at the USS Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbour later Sunday.

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The MIA issue is the key ques-

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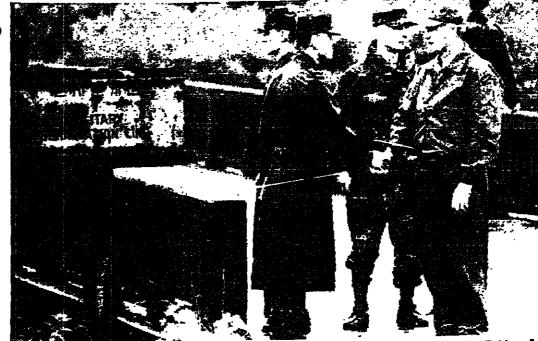
ton, expected in the next two

months, on normalising relations

with Hanoi 18 years after the war

things not being provided that unilaterally could be," he said.

Their programme for the rest of their stay, which ends on Wednesday, is private.



U.S. President Bill Clinton shakes hands with an unidentified South Korean soldier at the Bridge of No Return Sunday (AFP photo)

# water treatment plant flooded

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A swollen tributary of the Mississip-pi River flooded the Des Moines water treatment plant early Sunday, leaving about 250,000 peo-ple in central Iowa without safe drinking water.

Workers spent Saturday piling up dirt on the 15-foot protective walls surrounding the plant, hop-ing to hold back the swollen Raccoon River.

But around 1 a.m. (0500 GMT) Sunday, the river spilled into tanks that hold 30 million gallons (114 litres) of water and contaminated the entire supply, said L.D. McMullen, Des Moines wa-

er works general manager. Shortly after that, power to the plant was knocked out, preventing it from pumping any water into the system, he said.

Mr. McMullen said it could be days or even weeks before the plant can resume operation and advised people to stock up on bottled water. The plant supplies water to Des Moines and eight

surrounding communities.

Meanwhile, 12 people died of heat-related causes in the Philadelphia area alone Saturday as a record-setting heat wave gripped the east coast.

The heat has now killed 21 people along the eastern seaboard during the past week.

The latest victims included a 4-year-old boy who had climbed wagon while visiting relatives outside Philadelphia, police said. It was not known how long had been in the car, police said.

Meanwhile, New York City fried for a third straight day Saturday, tying a record dating to 1948. No relief was expected until Tuesday, when a frontal system from the west was forecast to

arrive.
Philadelphia also tied its record for consecutive days of above 100-degree (38 C) temperatures. The last time its temperatures topped 100 (38 C) for three days in a row was in 1966.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Russian troops to quit Germany on time

IRKUTSK, Russia (R) - President Boris Yeltsin Sunday assured visiting German Chancellor Helmut Kohl that Russian troops still stationed in former east Germany would leave on schedule by August next year. "We have no differences of opinion over the withdrawal," he told reporters at the end of two days of talks with Mr. Kohl in Siberia. On Saturday, however, Mr. Yeltsin had asked Mr. Kohl for more help in building housing for returning Russian officers, the single biggest obtacle to a rapid withdrawal Bonn has already committed 7.8 billion marks (\$4.8 billion) to a building programme which it says is on schedule. Russia still has some 190,000 soldiers on German soil out of the 380,000 Soviet troops which were stationed in east Germany when it was still the front line of the cold war stand-off between East and West.

#### Monsoon claims 102 lives across India

NEW DELHI (AP) - At least 102 people were killed in monsoon-related incidents in several parts of India while raging rivers flooded swaths of land, news reports said Sunday. About two million people have suffered because of the monsoon that has lashed many parts of the country since the last week of June, the Hindustan Times newspaper said. They include people who are marooned or have lost their relatives, livestock, homes and businesses. On Saturday, 10 people were killed when their brick houses collapsed in heavy rains in the western state of Gujarat, the newspaper said. The deaths raised to 34 the number of people killed in Gujarat this monsoon. Besides, 68 people have died in the four northern states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu-Kashmir. In the far eastern state of Assam, the Bhramaputra River submerged 50 villages where about 15,000 people are marooned, the Statesman newspaper said.

#### 13 hurt in German arson attack

MUNICH (AFP) - Thirteen people were hurt, one seriously. early Sunday morning when arsonists set fire to a building partly occupied by foreigners in Kempten, Bavaria, police here said. The attackers gained easy access to the house through the garage and one person was seriously hurt as the staircase went up in flames. Twelve others, half of them foreigners, suffered from smoke inhalation. Unidentified arsonists also started a fire overnight in the section dealing with foreigners at regional administrative offices in Roth close to Nurenberg. It was quickly doused by firemen, but most of the files and furniture were destroyed, police said. There have been more than 20 arson attacks against foreigners in Germany since a blaze in on May 28 when five Turkish people were killed.

#### 9 killed in Swiss rafting accident

SCUOL, Switzerland (AFP) - Nine German and Austrian tourists were killed and 17 were hurt Saturday in a rafting accident on the Inn River in eastern Switzerland, police reported. They said three pneumatic boats overturned at a point between Scuol and Paradella opposite a construction site in a stretch of water that was off-limits to navigation. Police said one of the 17 persons injured was in serious condition. Eight drowned in the river while a ninth succumbed in a Zurich hospital. Police said the boats on which the 26 people were travelling were caught up in a violent current and most of the passengers were hurled overboard.

#### **Tourist gets** free tickets, free dinner, free lodging

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) A police siren screamed and lights flashed in the rear-view mirror, Ominous signs for a tourist. "I thought, what did I do wrong," said Maurice McArthur, passing through town with his wife, Jean. After they pulled, over Thursday in downtown Skowhegan, they were confronted by police chief Larry Jones. A traffic stop, a ticket? But then they were joined by a throng of local officials, business people and repor-ters. The McArthur, from Fredericton, New Brunswick, in Canada, were the first targets of an "arrest-a-tourist" promotion sponsored by the Skowhegan area Chamber of Commerce. They were treated to free lodg-ing, dinner, theatre, gifts and an introduction to former U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith. "Oh. I think it's so exciting," said Mrs. McArthur as she was handed a bouquet of flowers.

#### Murderer's ex-wife rewarded for tipping off police

LONDON (R) — A British; woman who tipped off police that a murderer they were seeking was her first husband has earned a reward of £175,000 (\$259,300) from a tabloid Sunday newspaper. The News Of The World said the reward was the biggest "in the history of newspapers." In February 1992 police used a television programme to broadcast the voice of a man who had kidnapped a woman estate agent and kept her imprisoned in a coffin-like box. Susan Oake immediatey recognised the voice as that of her first husband Michael Sams: "I couldn't believe my ears. I expected to hear a stranger's voice," Ms. Oake told the News. Of The World. "I remember: shouting 'it's him, it's him. Oh-God, it's him.' I just knew I had to ring the police. Loyalty doesn't come into it. My loyalty is to God and the truth. I couldn't have lived with myself if I hadn't rung." Sixteen hours later Sams, a 51-year-old tool repairer with one leg, was arrested. On Thursday he was sentenced to life in prison for kidnap, and the murder of a teenage prostitute. The reward matched the amount Sams had demanded, via tape recordings to the police, for the release of kidnapped estate agent Stephanie Slater,

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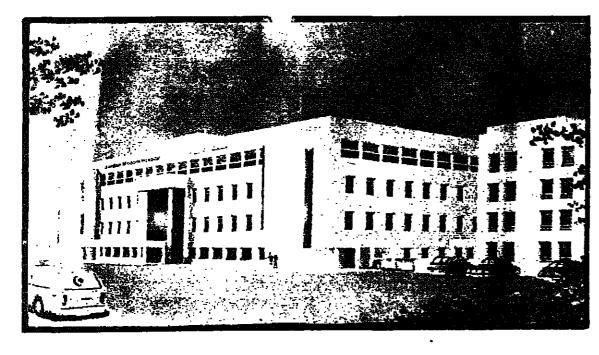
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## Japan politicians slap Russians, Americans

TOKYO (R) — Campaigning for next Sunday's general election, a senior Japanese politician called the Russian foreign minister a 'hairy barbarian'', while another said the United States was racked

with AIDS, drugs and violence. Newspapers reported Sunday that lawmaker Shintaro Ishihara, a hawkish member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and one of a handful of contenders to become its leader, made the remarks about the Russian when he delivered a speech in Kagoshima, southern Japan,

Saturday.
"Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa greeted (Andrei) Kozyrev with a smile, but his eyes were not smiling. The 'keto' (hairy barbarian) greeted Miyazawa joyfully and shook hands. When a white man comes, Miyazawa just welcomes them too much," the daily Ashai Shimbun quoted Mr. Ishihara as saying.

"If I were prime minister, I would keep silent, with my hands deep in my pockets," Mr. Ishi-

Mr. Kozyrev accompanied President Boris Yeltsin in Tokyo last week for talks with Mr. Miyazawa and leaders of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations.

Russia took 600,000 (Japanese) prisoners of war and stole the four Northern Islands. It dumped nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan and is an outrageous country," Mr. Ishihara was

quoted as saying. In the July 18 general election for the lower house of parlia- general election, will form a govment, the LDP is in danger of losing power for the first time in nearly 40 years, as rebels have left the party and formed two new party (in parliament), we should

ones.

Meanwhile, another LDP figure known for racial slurs criticised the United States in making the point that Japan was a safe the LDP to keep it that way.

deputy premier who has declared his intention to succeed Mr. Miyazawa, told a rally Saturday: "We are facing an AIDS threat. In the United States the figure is about one case in several hundred people. It's still a fraction of that in Japan.

They sell manjuana everywhere (in the United States). There are many drug addicts. That's why unpremeditated killings are many times that of Japan," Sunday's daily Yomiuri Shimbun quoted him as saying. "Policemen just shoot before they themselves get killed. If it's

in Japan, the policeman might get

killed but the suspect will not,"

Yomiuri quoted Mr. Watanabe as saying,
"I didn't mean to insult the country. I just said what has been reported in newspapers and 1 don't think there is any prob-

lem," he said. In 1988 Mr. Watanabe caused a flap by saying American blacks suffered no moral qualms over going bankrupt or into debt, unlike the principled Japanese people. He also offended China by saying Chinese still lived in caves.

Meanwhile, Japan's embattled prime minister said his ruling party, fighting an increasingly bitter campaign for next Sunday's ernment whether or not it regains a parliamentary majority.

"As long as we are the biggest

form a government," Mr. Miyazawa said in an interview that appeared Sunday in the daily Asahi Shimbun.

Mr. Miyazawa said he would place and the Japanese needed not resign as president of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Michio Watanabe, a former before the July 18 polls. Some party insiders had said he might quit after last week's Tokyo summit of the Group of Seven (G7) industrialised countries. "I carry the leading flag and we

are in a big battle," Mr. Miyaza-wa said. "If I quit now, it will have a bad effect on morale." Rocked by mass defections, a series of damning funding scan-dals and a leadership crisis, the LDP, in power since 1955, is set to lose its majority in the crucial

lower house of parliament. However, many pundits pre-dict that the LDP, thanks to a network of close-knit neighbourhood support groups in small towns and rural areas, will gain close to 230 seats in the 511member house. Although short of a majority, that would take the party within striking distance of a

Despite Miyazawa's statement, it is unclear if the LDP can lure another party into forming a coalition. No other party leader has declared an intention to join forces with the LDP, citing its lack of willingness to carry out political reform.

LDP politicians continued their campaign against the LDP splinter parties. One of the parties, the Shinseito (Japan Renewal Party) of LDP rebel and former Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata, has vowed to form a non-LDP coalition that will topple the LDP from power for the first time in 38

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spikers, who overwhelmed the same opponents 3-0 Saturday, needed a tough two hours 18 minutes before finally winning 3-2 (15-11, 9-15, 15-10, 10-15, 15-12) at the Kobe Sports Park Gymnasium. With the win, Japan evened their win-loss record at 8-8, while Germany stood with seven wins against nine defeats in the six-team preliminary competition. "The Germans were very different from yesterday. They played very well showing their power. I'm very happy with the results so far because I feel my players are really improving," said Japan's coach Seiji Oko.

Meanwhile, Germany's head coach Igor Prielozny said. "We performed better in receiving and blocking. I thought we could beat Japan in the middle of the match, but I'm quite satisfied with my players' performance." Japan will take on front runners Russia in Moscow and Germany will play Barcelona Olympic champions Brazil in Sao Paulo next weekend.

#### Italy crowned world fencing champs

ESSEN, Germany (AFP) — Italy won the team world championship epee fencing title here, beating France 8-3. Their team has made up of Sandro Cuomo, Angelo Mazzoni, Paolo Milanola, Maurizio Randazzo and Stefano Pantano. Germany, the team Olympic champions at Barcelona, came third.

#### Marseille get good news at last

NARBONNE, France (AFP) - European Champions Marseille, at the centre of a huge bribery scandal that has rocked French football, put their troubles behind them here Saturday by beating Toulouse FC 1-0 in a pre-season friendly. The team stands accused of fixing a crucial victory against Valenciennes by paying bribe money to three opponents on their way to the French League title earlier this year. The scandal, however, did not stop 6,000 fans watching Saturday's game, settled by a goal by German international Rudi Voller in the 27th minute. New trainer Marc Bourrier said afterwards: "I insisted that the players should just concentrate on the ball, considering the events the club has been going through. The new season starts soon and Marseille must do itself justice when it defends its titles." If Marseille are found guilty of bribery, however, possible sanctions could include demotion to the second division.

#### Pichit keeps IBF flyweight title

NAKHON SAWAN, Thailand (AFP) - Reigning International Boxing Federation (IBF) flyweight champion Pichit Sitbangprachan of Thailand successfully retained his title here with a ightning victory over South Korea's Kyung Yul-Lee. The 27-year-old scored a first round technical knockout after only one minute and two seconds over No. 8 contender Kyung, 25, in a scheduled 12-round second title defence fight. Pichit landed a powerful left hook to the face dropping the Korean challenger for a mandatory eight-count after less thann 30 seconds. He was knocked to the canvas again before the fight was stopped. Pichit improved his fight record to 14 wins including 13 knockouts. He became world champion on Nov. 29, last year with a third round knockout win over Rudolfo Blanco of Colombia.

#### Vasquez retains WBA crown

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentine Julio Cesar Vasquez, making his third defence of the World Boxing Association (WBA) junior middleweight crown, beat Venezuela's Alejandro Ugueto on

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points. The champion, however, acknowledged that he had let down a partisan crowd at hte stadium in San Miguel De Tuchman. a city 1,300 kilometres northwest of Buenos Aires. The lefthanded Vasquez had chased after his older, shorter challenger during the 12 rounds trying unsuccessfully to land a knock-out punch. "People must be saying that the champ's gunpowder was wet, but I really could not connect any hard blows to his body. And he was a very tough opponent." the local fighter conceded in a television interview after the bout. Two judges ruled that the fight was 119-111 for the 26-year-old Argentine while the third

#### Robinson knocks out Murphy

CARDIFF, Wales (AP) - Steve Robinson retained his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title with a ninth-round knockout of Britain's Sean Murphy. Robinson, fighting in his home town, used a patient series of combinations in the early rounds to wear his opponent down, setting up the only knockdown in the fight at the National Ice Rink. After drawing blood in Murphy's nose in the seventh, Robinson went flush to the face with a couple of jabs to start the ninth. Robinson finished Murphy off midway through the round with several combinations, finishing with a right. The referee counted Murphy out after the fighter rose on the count of nine.

#### Volkov wins Osaka indoor event

TOKYO (R) - Russian Alexander Volkov overcame a one-set deficit to beat top seed Petr Korda of Czech Republic 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the \$250,000 Osaka International Indoor Tennis Tournament in western Japan Sunday. The 19th-ranked Russian, who reached three finals last year, found his game in the second set and strolled through to win the invitation event in 97 minutes. Korda, ranked ninth in the world, showed poor ground stroke play, committing 68 unforced errors along with nine aces. Volkov earned 40,000 while Korda took home 18,000 as runner-up. Amanda Coetzer of South Africa took the women's title by beating American Lisa Raymond 7-6 (7-1) 7-5. Coetzer pocketed \$20,000 and Raymond \$10,000.

#### Legia Warsaw stripped of title

WARSAW (R) - Polish soccer authorities stripped Legia Warsaw of the league title over a match-rigging scandal — a move which elevated third-placed Lech Poznan to the top of the table. The Polish Football Association (PZPN) voted to took Legia and second-placed LKS Lodz two points each for their part in the match-rigging on the final day of the season, when both teams won by runaway scores. This effectively handed the title to Lech, who originally finished the season two points behind Legia and LKS but had a better goal difference. The PZPN is expected to meet again in the next three days to decide whether Lech can be officially crowned champions and line up in next season's European Cup. "A vote was held at the PZPN meeting which decided to strip Legia Warsaw of the title of Polish champions," the Polish News Agency (PAP) said. "As a result of the decision, Lech Poznan were elevated to the top of the table," it said.

#### Mansell's helmet sells for \$10,000

LONDON (R) - A collector bought the helmet worn by British racing driver Nigel Mansell when he won the 1992 Formula One World Championship for £6,900 (\$10,000) on Saturday — nearly three times the expected price, auctioneers said. The buyer, who declined to give his name, bought the helmet at a Sotheby's auction. Sotheby's said it had expected the helmet, donated for auction to benefit charity, to sell for about 2,500 (\$3,700).

## Agony and ecstasy for new Tour de France stars

VERDUN, France (R) — The agony and ecstasy of the Tour de France was reflected perfectly on the faces of two of the new stars of the world's greatest bike race Sundav

In a day of contrasting fortunes, the agony was for Swiss rider Alex Zuelle, who virtually lost his chance of overall victory in a fall, and the ecstasy was for 21-year-old Texan Lance Armsong, brilliant winner of the

eight stage. Armstrong, already labelled the next Greg Lemond, beamed with sheer delight as he outsprinted five other riders who had shared a late breakaway to win the 184.5-km stage from Chalons-Sur-Marne and taste his first mo-

ment of tour glory. Zuelle's expression was twisted in pain as he crossed the line

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that was going to be the final con-tract. South's jump to four hearts was an eminently practical way to express the hand's playing

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almost two minutes after the main peloton.

The 25-year-old Swiss, winner of this year's Paris-Nice race second in the Tour of Spain and seen as one of the favourites for overall victory, was knocked off his bike by a spectator at the summit of the Cote De Douaumont, 12 kilometres from the finish.

Zuelle tumbled heavily, injuring his right arm, his ribs and his collar-bone and lay on the ground in agony for almost two minutes before he climbed painfully back on to his bike.

Three of his Spanish Once team rode with him to try to get him back into the race but the pace was too hot and Zuelle ended losing vital ground on all his main rivals.

West led the ten of diamonds to

the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation, drew trumps

diamond continuation, drew trumps in two rounds and ran the ten of clubs to East's queen. East shifted to the eight of spades, ducked by declarer to West's queen. As the cards lay that was the last trick for the defense, since declarer could en-

ter dummy with a trump, finesse the jack of spedes and claim the rest when the suit broke 3-3.

but it is by no means easy to spot even looking at all four hands. Did you find it?

you find it?

After winning the queen of clubs,
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Declarer can sluff a spade while winning in dummy with the jack,

but that's not enough! Declarer will

still have to lose two spade tricks as long as East covers any spade led from dummy. Beautiful.

Yes, there was one critical error,

Though tour doctors said no bones were broken, the cuts and bruises may cost him dear Monday in the first crucial stage of the

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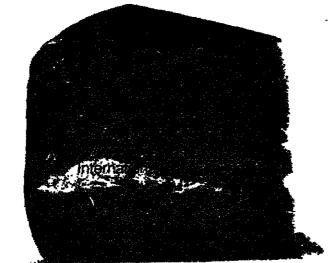
race, a 59-kilometre individual time trial at the Lac De Madine. Armstrong, who made the cycling world sit up and take notice when he came second in the Zurich World Cup Race last year only

"It all came down to desire," he said afterwards. "Yesterday the team had three riders out of seven in the breakaway so we were sure we had the stage - but it didn't happen.

"Today I was the only Motorola rider in the break so I felt I had to win today. It was my two weeks after turning profes- desire. It means a lot to me. This sional, burst through an almost is one of the greatest days of my invisible gap on the right to win life.

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# Kenyan stuns Bislett games with record breaking run

OSLO (Agencies) — Swiss promoter Res Bruegger, the man behind the new elite quartet of European athletics meetings, sat puffing a gigantic cigar with quiet satisfaction early Sunday.

Bruegger had watched Kenyan Yobes Ondieki destroyed the world 10,000 metres record at the Bislett Games in Oslo Saturday. Now he listened as Ondieki, 32. outlined a three-month plan to run the first sub 27 minute time

Ondieki, the world 5,000 metres champion, blazed across the line in 26 minutes 58.38 seconds to win a kilo of gold and a place in the history books.

for the distance.

The Kenyan took an astonishing nine seconds off the previous record set by compatriot Richard Chelimo only last Monday at the Stockholm Grand Prix. It was just the sort of start Bruegger must have been hoping for to launch the Golden Four Series, which also includes meetings in Zurich, Berlin and Brus-

The series appears set to transform further the face of athletics. Ten years ago, coincidentally the last time Ondieki ran a 10,000 metres, athletics became openly

Since then it has changed out of

all recognition with athletes of Ondieki's calibre able to earn enough money to set them up for

Ondieki, who plans to defend his world 5,000 metres title in Stuttgart next month, can now substantially increase his wealth if the Golden Four Series is success-

The budget for the Bislett Games alone increased from \$575,000 in 1992 to more than \$1,000,000 this year, mainly due to a television deal worth \$91,000,000 signed by the Golden

Four promoters. "From my point of view the future is that we will have in Europe up to 10 top events,"

"With the recession in Europe it's not possible for all organisers to have top fields therefore meets disappear. Bruegger referred to the popu-

larity of soccer and the growing attraction of basketball and added: "If we want to compete with all these sports, we have to have lots of new ideas." For the first time in the sport,

random blood tests were carried out on 12 athletes Saturday in addition to the usual urine tests

"If we have doping scandals as

we have had in the past I guarantee no sponsor would have any interest in track and field," Bruegger said. "We can't ask a said. company to invest in a sport the war against doping then we

will lose our sponsors." Like most good dramas, Satur- mer I will be attempting to run 26 day night's 10,000 metres had a minutes 55 seconds." substantial sub-plot.

The Bislett Games 10,000 metres had long been billed as a race in which Moroccan Khalid Skah would attack the world record.

There is no love lost between Skah and the Kenyans after last year's Barcelona Olympics 10,000 final in which Skah was disqualified then reinstated for allegedly receiving assistance from a lapped team mate.

Chelimo was the victim in Barcelona, enjoying the status of Olympic champion for less than 24 hours before Skah was reinstated.

Last Monday Chelimo took revenge by beating the world 10,000 record and upstaging Skah's attempt.

Then world cross country champion William Sigei entered the 10,000 in Osio and Skah responded by dropping to the 5,000.

"The Kenyans always have to which is not clean. If we don't win run behind me. They like to run

on my shoulder and beat me. "Some time during this sum-

"If I had been running the

10,000 I don't think there would

have been a world record," Skah

Britain's 100m Olympic champion Linford Christie won the sprint thanks in part to the last minute withdrawal of new American champion Andre Casson,

who fell ill after winning his heat. Christie finished in a windassisted time of 10.09 seconds ahead of Olympic runner-up Frankie Fredericks of Namibia

Christie's teammate Colin Jackson continued his fine reason over the hurdles by winning in a time of 13.21, but he was run close by Jack Pierce of the U.S. who finished fractionally behind.

The Americans were more dominating in the 400m sprint where Michael Johnson and Butch Reynolds did enough to restrict young British hope David Grindley to third place.

Sergei Bubka of Ukraine, the world pole-vault record holder, had one of his off-nights as he failed attempts at 5.65m and

#### Prost claims 50th Grand Prix win

SILVERSTONE, England (R) - Frenchman Alain Prost became the first driver to win 50 Formula One races Sunday when he stormed to victory in the British Grand Prix.

Prost, driving a Williams. finished 7.8 seconds clear of second-placed Michael Schumacher of Germany.

Schumacher, in a Benetton, came home ahead of his team mate, Italian Riccardo: Patrese, who benefited from the last lap retirement of Ayrton Senna in a McLaren.

Prost's Williams team mate, Briton Damon Hill, suffered a cruel blow after leading for much of the race when he was forced to retire with what appeared to be engine failure. Hill had just set the fastest lap

of the race before he was sidelined, allowing Prost to snatch the lead after 42 laps of the 59-lap

Briton Johnny Herbert, in a Lotus, came fourth and was the second blow to the McLaren

only other driver to finish the race on the same lap as the leading trio. Senna ended up in fifth place

after entering the last lap in third. Prost, a three-times world champion, went 20 points clear of Senna in the championship table with 67 points to the Brazilian's

The race was a huge disappointment for Ferrari who were down the field on the starting grid and never featured in the scrap at the front.

Prost and Hill dominated the race with the Briton getting off to a good start and holding his lead comfortably until the Frenchman began to reel him in after fighting his own way past Senna in the sixth lap.

The safety car was introduced after 36 laps when Prost cut Hill's lead to less than two seconds but the Briton kept up the fast pace until he was forced to quit.

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Andretti of the United states when he went off the track at the first corner.

The all-British Ligier team also had a disappointing day. Martin Brundle was forced to retire after running fourth five laps from the end and Mark Blundell spun out of contention on lap 51.

Meanwhile Formula One supremò Bernie Ecclestone launched an attack on Indycar racing here Sunday as crowds plummeted for the British Grand Prix.

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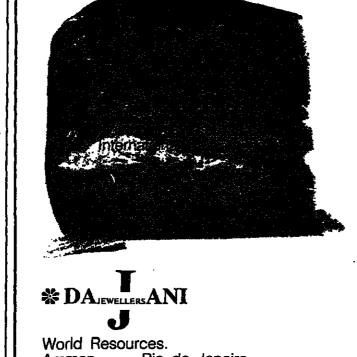
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# to attend peace talk

ZAGREB — Bosnia's Muslim-'led leadership decided Sunday to resume peace talks with their enemies, but rejected a Serb-Croat plan to divide the state into three ethnic provinces.

After a six-hour closed-door meeting, the seven attending members of Bosnia's 10-man -presidency also said they had agreed the formation of a new sederal state, but gave no immediate details.

Bosnian Vice-President Ejup Canic told reporters the Bosnian delegation would return to peace negotiations in Geneva in the next seven to 10 days.

The decision came a day after European Community (EC) negotiator Lord David Owen and United Nations envoy Thorvald Stoltenberg told the presidency members assembled in Zagreb that it was in their interest to show up at the negotiating table.

The Bosnian leadership is resisting the partition plan because it is concerned that Serbs and Croats would take large sections of the country, leaving the Mus-lims only small, isolated pockets. They also fear that the Serb and Croat regions would join with Serbia and Croatia.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said Friday that seven members of the presidency had endorsed a proposal for Bosnia to become a federation. Mirko Pejanovic, a Serb presidency member, said Mr. Izetbegovic was suggesting several provinces based on the principle of equality of all three ethnic groups.

"No single one (province) would bé established on purely ethnic principles, because it's not possible in Bosnia." Pejanovic said

in Zagreb. He explained that the federation would have a "common foreign policy, citizenship, money and a common foundation for the economic and legal system."

"If our proposal does not get the political accord of the three nations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, we suggest an alternative — U.N. protectorate," Mr. Pejanovic

In Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital,

Combined agency despatches U.N. spokesman Barry Frewer said a British journalist was shot dead during the night by a sniper while trying to cross the Sarajevo airport. His body was found on the runway Sunday morning, with a British passport and a U.N. press credential. The spokesman could not release the man's name or news organisation pending

notification procedures. Also in Sarajevo, Major Nico-las Studer, a Frenchman in charge of engineering for U.N. peacekeepers, said the city faced slow death" unless water, electricity and natural gas service was

He said Bosnia's government refuses to allow restoration of electricity because that would enable the Serbs to reopen major ammunition plant in Vogosca, just north of Sarajevo.

Morillon opposes split

Division of Bosnia-Herzegovina along ethnic lines would turn the war-torn republic into something akin to the Gaza Strip and could lead to prolonged conflicts, French General Philippe Morillon, the outgoing U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) commander in Bosnia, warned

Gen. Morillon said any peace settlement for Bosnia-Herzegovina must respect the right of individuals to "stay in their ancestral home or go back there if they have been driven out

by fear or violence." Gen. Morillon, who was speaking to reporters the day before he is due to return to France, said it was "simplistic" to argue that Serbs, Croats and Muslims could be separated easily.

'Such a simplistic notion would lead to something akin to the situation in the Gaza Strip, and would only give rise to prolonged conflicts," Gen. Morillon said referring to the Israeli-occupied territory.

The U.N. high commissioner for refugees said the humanitarian operation in Bosnia is running out of money and called a conference next week to discuss the huge humanitarian problems in the region.

# Djibouti regime routs rebels; thousands flee

DJIBOUTI (AFP) - Government forces have regained control of all areas held by Afar rebels, Defence Minister Ahmad Boulaleh Barreh said Saturday. insurgency as thousands of refugees fled towards Ethiopia.

The minister said the positions were recaptured during an offensive launched Monday and that government forces had succeeded in "regaining total control of Di-

jbouti territory."
Meanwhile, 'tens of thousands" of old men, women and children, and rebels of the defeated Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy (FRUUD) made tracks for the Ethiopian border west of Assa Guelya, the Association for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms told AFP in Nairobi.

The exodus had been "incessant" for the last two days towards the Ethiopian Afar districts of Eli Daar and Manda, the association said, adding that the road to Randa, one of the last FRUD areas to fall, was littered

with "decomposing corpses." The FRUD contingent is believed to have retreated with the 25 governmentsoldiersit has held prisoner for the last 18 months. Mr. Barreh said three government soldiers died and six were wounded during the operation but gave no details of FRUD

Thirty-four rebels and two French Association for the Support of the Afar People, had been arrested, he added,

One of the two women was identified as 72-year-old nurse Helene Ascoue by a French foreign ministry spokesman, who added that Djibouti authorities said the pair were in good health.

During the offensive, govern-ment forces recaptured the telecommunications tower in the Day forest, positions in Dorra Balho and Randa in the north and the rebels' main hase in Assa Gueyla, Mr. Barreh said.

The minister added that the army had recovered a substantial amount of military equipment and ammunition.

He said government forces were now trying to assemble civilian populations to give them help and assistance, and aid distributions were to begin Sunday.

The 800-strong rebel army launched its insurgency in November 1991 against the Djibouti government, dominated by Somalis of the Issa clan.

# Population alarms Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iranian leaders warned Sunday against a population explosion in the country as Iran observed World Population Day.

Health Minister Reza Malekzadeh called for a "stronger will and planning" to tackle the population boom and emphasised the role of the media in educating the public.
"Thirty-seven per cent of pre-

gnancies in this country are unplanned which mainly occur in poverty-stricken areas." he said during a population and develop-

"Illiteracy only worsens the crisis," he adeed.

Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi. the head of the school of theology in the central city of Qom and a leading advocate of population control in Iran, rejected arguments that Islam opposes popula-

Ayatollah Shirazi, however, acknowledged that the issue of population control was "sensitive and complex" and called for a "discreet campaign which would not go contrary to Islamic be-

The United Nations resident coordinator in Iran, Michael V.D. Schulenburg, said the issue of population growth went

beyond national frontiers, and was one which posed "the most challenging difficulties of our

He said the number of people added to the global figure would continue to rise and the world population would reach 10 billion

by the year 2050.

The developing world will have the lion's share, with "95 per cent of the figure," he said.

iran's population has nearly doubled to 60 million since the 1979 Islamic revolution which toppled the Shah. It is expected to reach 120 million in 20 years, according to Health Ministry esti-

The alarming figures have prompted the government to adopt a liberal population control policy, despite resistance from certain Muslim clerics who encourage large families.
Parliament decided in May to

restrict social benefits to three children per family and the Health Ministry has waged an aggressive drive to distribute free contraceptives and offer other family-planning services.

But with a 3.2 per cent population growth rate in rural areas and up to four per cent in big cities. Iran still lags far behind the world average of 1.7 per cent.

# Bosnian presidency Victims of accident are buried; Princess Sarvath visits injured

AMMAN (Petra) - Nine Jordanians who were killed in a bus crash in Yemen Friday were buried in Amman Sunday as Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath visited the Royal Medical Centre to inquire about the conditions of those injured in the accident.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, delegated several ministers to attend the funerals of those killed and condole their fami-

The Prince delegated Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket to attend the funeral of Othman Al Sharaa Al Abbadi, counsellor at Jordan's embassy in Sanaa, his wife Nikmat Quteishat, their children Firas, Ahmad, Samar and Sahar.

The Regent delegated

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CAIRO (Agencies) - President

Hosni Mubarak of Egypt was

virtually guaranteed a third six-

year term in office Sunday after

441 of the 454 members of the

lower house of parliament signed

petition supporting him. The People's Assembly is due

to meet on July 21 to nominate a

single candidate for president,

who will then be put to the people

Mr. Mubarak needs the votes

of two thirds of the total - 303

deputies — to win nomination,

and a simple majority of votes

cast in the referendum to be

Only one other person had

offered himself as a candidate, a

little-known Alexandria business-

man who officials said never had

a chance. Five others were re-

ported voicing interest, but none

of them has confirmed their can-

The speaker of the People's

Assembly, Fathi Sorour, told a

news conference Sunday that the

petition declared: "We are hon-

oured to nominate President

Mubarak for a new term based on

our believe that the interests of

Egypt require the continuation of

the leader in the post of presiden-

The petition said the deputies

were backing Mr. Mubarak "in

response to the people's will, out

of esteem for his huge achieve-

ments in all kinds of national

work and in appreciation for his

role as the great leader who laid

the foundations of democracy

and led the economic reform

Asked why there were no other

candidates, Mr. Sorour said:

The constitution says that par-

liament chooses the presidential

candidate and we chose only President Mubarak."

"Those who express their in-

tentions to run by making

speeches are not cosidered candi-

dates," he said in an apparent

reference to Alexandria business-

Mr. Sorour said five members

of the one opposition party in the

assembly, the leftist Union Prog-

ressive Party (UPP), and five

independents had refused to support Mr. Mubarak's candidacy.

Three seats were vacant because

The government-controlled Akhbar Al Yom newspaper re-ported Saturday that Mr. Mubarak would

hold a series of public meetings to

explain Egypt's internal and ex-

ternal policies to the people be-

Major opposition groups

boycotted the 1990 general elec-tions because they did not accept

man Kamal Ahmad.

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Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Walced Asfour to attend the funeral of Sakhr Al Zaben and offer condolences to his family. Sakhr was the son of Jordan's Military Attache in Sanaa Fayyd Al Zaben, who was injured in the

Prince Hassan delegated Minister of Public Works and Housing Khalaf Al Hawari to attend the funeral of Zein Al Majali, the wife of the Jordanian Health Attache Suleiman Al Fayez, and daughter Lujin.

Meanwhile, Princess Basma visited the Jordanian and Iraqi nationals injured in the tragic incident, which took place when the bus carrying them overturned on the Sanaa-Hejah, highway, 115 kilometres from Sanaa.

Princess Sarvath, who was briefed on the health conditions of the injured, conveyed to them the greetings of Prince Hassan and his wishes for them of speedy recovery.

The injured and their families thanked Princess Sarvath for her gesture and implored God to protect His Majesty King Hussein and Prince Hassan. They thanked the Royal family for the excellent medical treatment at the centre.

Those killed and injured in the accident were brought to Jordan Saturday aboard a military aircraft.

Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas also inspected the conditions of the injured. The minister was accompanied on the visit by Al Hussein Medical Centre Director Major General Abdullah Hiyari.

# Zulu leaders insist their homeland must be retained

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -Zulu leaders told thousands of supporters Sunday they would oppose elections in South Africa unless they were guaranteed the Zulu homeland would be pre-

served. Black and white negotiators have set April 27 as the date for the nation's first elections including the black majority, which

would formally end apartheid. Zulu groups at the talks opposed setting the date until negotiators decided the form of government to be elected. They want partly autonomous federal states, including a Zulu homeland, free of domination by the central government.

the African National Congress (ANC), the nation's leading black group, considered the likely winner of the first election, seeks a strong central government with the power to redress the inequities of apartheid. Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief

minister of the Kwazulu homeland and head of the Zuludominated Inkatha Freedom Party, accused the ANC and the White government of seeking to eliminate Kwazulu in a postapartheid system. "It is because there is power in

Kwazulu that such a concerted effort has been made to annihilate it," Chief Buthelezi told more than 20,000 Zulus, many dressed in traditional skins and carrying clubs and shields, at a Durban sports stadium.

King Goodwill Zwelithini, the ceremonial Zul: leader who called the "imbizo" or traditional gathering, said: "We will not negotiate ourselves out of exist- basis.

"We will never allow anyone to tear up and discard that which we have put together over the cen-turies;" he said.

About seven millioin of South Africa's more than 30 million blacks are Zulu, but the number that supports Chief Buthelezi's

The ANC accuses Chief Buthelezi of blocking free political activity in Kwazulu, where warfare between the two groups has killed thousands of blacks

since the mid 1980s. Political fighting spread to the Johannesburg area in 1990, a fresh surge erupted last week after the election date was set.

Police said Sunday they recovered six more bodies from Tokoza and Katlehong, raising the death toll in the two black townships south of Johannesburg to about 100 in the past week. Most of the violence is part of the ANC-Inkatha feud, though

revenge attacks and crime-related killings also play a role. Chief Buthelezi and ANC leader Nelson Mandela held a muchpublicised summit last month their first in two years — but the

meeting has failed to halt the Pro-apartheid whites also seek their own homeland free of black rule and have formed a loose alliance with Inkatha at the political talks. The ANC and government support having elected re-

gional government with some om the central DOM61. governanc. .. oppose home-lands set up on a racial or tribal

# Alleged \$20m payoff to Libya surfaces in Italian probe

ROME (AP) — A former official of Italy's state energy company has told Milan prosecutors he was asked to arrange a \$20 million payoff in the 1970s to Libya so the Italian oil company could avoid nationalisation under

Muammar Qadhafi's regime. Several Italian newspapers Sunday ran stories about the allegation made in testimony given to the prosecutors, who spearheaded a year of nationwide scandal probes that have implicated hundreds of politicians and businessmen, including top officials from Italy's sprawling state

industrial sector. Among the state conglomerates under scrutiny is ENI, the national energy giant which in-cludes Agip, Italy's state oil com-

La Repubblica and Corriere Della Sera, two nationwide dailies, quoted Renato Marnetto. who in the 1970s directed ENI's financial affairs, as telling investi-gators that he was asked to look into arranging a deal with Libya. which then was nationalising foreign companies as Libya moved to put its oil wealth under

Mr. Marnetto testified that ENI officials told him that to make sure only 50 per cent of Agip would be nationalised a \$20 million payoff had to be made to Colonel Qadhafi's deputy. Abdul Salam Jalloud. Mr. Marnetto allegedly told magistrates that he did not know whether the payoff was actually made since he quit handling the arrangements at a certain point but that in the end, Agip was only 50 per cent nationalised.

But he claimed Umberto Ortolani, a financier linked to Italy's now outlawed secret P-2 lodge, told him he could solve the Libyan probeim but at a price — \$2

million for himself. Mr. Marnetto said ENI rebuffed the purported proposal for a cut by Mr. Ortolani.

Activity by P-2 members has come under renewed scrutiny in recent days after a Calabrian prosecutor, Agostino Cordova, said Friday that his probe into suspected links between organised crime nad secret lodges turned up evidence that 19 parliamentarians were formerly members of P-2.

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harassment. It's nothing new," said U.N. military spokesmen after gunmen lobbed two mortar shells into the world body's Mogadishu base on Friday night, injuring four Norwegians.

the heavily-guarded U.N. port and shot and wounded three French soldiers on a vessel being

ing a warren of derelict houses which overlooks the port managed to fire at least two rounds at another group of French troops. They missed. U.N. troops briefly searched the area without suc-

Several relief organisations say they now are having a tough time finding U.N. volunteers to escort

### Majali urges honesty

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the Egyptian experiment in contive work of government departments. Participants in the seminar. who include the secretaries

seen Gen. Aideed Saturday morning in Mogadishu and that the general was prepared to hold

# Gonzalez faces prospect of minority government

MADRID (Agencies) — Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez faces ture debate the 51-year-old prime the prospect of ruling with a minority government for the first time in more than a decade in

The Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which appeared ready to accept the role of junior partner to Mr. Gonzalez's Socialists in a ruling coalition, this weekend said "thanks but no thanks" to the prime minister's office.

With just three days left before King Juan Carlos formally opens the parliamentary session, Mr. Gonzalez huddled with advisers Sunday with an eye towards making his final ministerial choices. the private Europa Press re-

ported. The Socialists won 159 seats in the 350-seat lower house of parliament in the June 6 general elections, 17 short of a majority.

The Catalan Covergencia Unio (CIU) party last month also rejected the Socialist's overtures, leaving Mr. Gonzalez to face a continual, gruelling round of policy-by-policy negotiations to get his programme through parliament.

The Spanish prime minister was spending Sunday in his Madrid Moncloa Palace holding final consultations before announcing his cabinet, political sources said. He is expected to name the

new government ahead of Wednesday's ceremonial opening of parliament, and is believed to have included independents among his ministers.

Facing a stalled economy with unemployment soaring to over 20 per cent, Mr. Gonzalez has made it clear he hoped for a broad, consensus government to help confront the crisis.

their demands were met.

unity began Saturday.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Call for mutiny spreads among Niger military

NIAMEY (AFP) - Soldiers in the southwestern town of Tahoua

joined soldiers in the central town of Zinder by calling for a mutiny

unless their demands for overdue wages were satisfied within 48

hours, national radio said Sunday. On Saturday soldiers in Zinder

staged a 12-hour mutiny taking control of the town and its airport

before returning to their barracks. The soldiers, who are deman-

ding to be paid three months in overdue wages and are pressing for

the cancellation of budget cuts made by the Niger government last

month, said they would resume their mutiny within 48 hours unless

Liberia mediators hope to break deadlock

GENEVA (R) - U.N. and regional mediators trying to broker a

ceasefire accord between Liberia's warring factions hope to resume

aid convoys this week to areas held by powerful rebels, a U.N.

spokeswoman said Sunday. But she denied the United Nations was

linking the resumption of humanitarian aid to areas run by the

National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPPL) with progress in

Geneva ceasefire talks. The week-long talks between Liberia's three main armed factions — the NPFL, the United Liberation

Monetary of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) and the Armed

Forces of Liberia (AFL) — and the interim government of national

Accord reached on date for Togo election

OUAGADOUGOU (AFP) - The government of Togo and the

opposition signed an agreement here Sunday laying down Aug. 25

as the date for a presidential election. The accord, the first step

towards normalisation of the political situation in Togo after a

two-year-long crisis, also laid down conditions for organising the

election and security measures to be taken during the electoral

VILLA LITERNO (R) - A fire destroyed 22 caravans intended

for African migrants in southern Italy and police Sunday said they

were treating the blaze as arson. No one was injured in Saturday

night's attack, which spread through the Caravan park on the

outskirts of the coastal town of Villa Literno, 30 (kilometres) north

of Naples. The carvans, which were empty, had been provided by

the Catholic charity Caritas and other Italian groups as a planned

reception centre for several hundred migrants. Paramilitary Carabi-

nieri police said traces of petrol had been found at the scene,

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Gulf Arab states and the European

Community (EC) will meet again in Brussels next week to discuss a

controversial energy tax proposed by the E.C. to help protect the

environment. Gulf officials said Sunday. The July 16 meetings was recommended by the foreign ministers of the two groups when

they discussed the carbon tax in May and agreed to pursue talks

75 ill after drinking contaminated water in UAE

DUBAI (AP) — Health and water boards were trying Sunday to determine what caused more than 75 people to take ill, apparently

from contaminated drinking water. The victims, mainly women and children, were from the Al Qoz neighbourhood of Dubai.

Most complained of abdominal pains, diarrhoea and vomiting, doctors at Al Rashid Hospital said. They said patients began

arriving Friday afternoon and that all were treated and released.

Hassan Mahboub, acting director of the public health department,

said that "the only common factor seen at this point is the fact that they all drank from the same source fo water." Residents of Al Qoz

were advised not to use local water supplies until further notice.

BEIRUT (R) - Customs officers at Beirut airport arrested two

Lebanese men carrying 922 counterfeit \$100 bills on Sunday shortly

before they were to board a flight to Russia, customs officials

said. Lebanon is notorious for the production and trafficking of

ISTANBUL (R) - Separatist Kurdish guerrillas killed four

villagers in a night raid in eastern Turkey, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported Sunday. The Kurdish Labour

Party (PKK) guerrillas opened fire on several houses in Beklemez village near the town of Agri, killing two men and two women and

wounding a fifth person. PKK rebels massacred 32 civilians and

burned down houses in the eastern village of Basbaglar Monday,

Since then, 20 PKK guerrillas, 11 members of the security forces

and five civilians have been killed in various incidents. The PKK's

nine-year-old separatist campaign in southeast Turkey has cost

Rebel Kurds kill 4 villagers in Turkey

counterfeit dollar bank notes.

more than 6,300 lives.

Lebanese customs seize fake dollar bills

Gulf EC to hold fresh talks on oil tax

through their experts to reach a compromise.

process. The signing ceremony took place in public.

Fire guts migrants' camp in Italy

At last week's two-day investiminister pledged to make his fourth consecutive term in office one of compromise and dialogue, with job creation and measures to tackle the recession his party's

top priorities.
"I hope to achieve a stable government, but we'll see it won't

be easy," he said. Ramon Jauregui, leader of the Socialists in the Basque country, said this goal had been made even difficult in the wake of the PNV

decision. "Their 'no', has made the search for parliamentary deals on our most important pieces of legislation much more complex and laboured," he said.

Although Basque nationalist support would still have left Mr. Gonzalez in charge of a minority government, political analysts said he hoped their backing would have made it easier to reach agreements with the Catalan nationalists.

However, PNV leader Xabier Arzallus did not rule out the possibility of voting with the PSOE in future, and said the decision to reject the coalition offer was not a failure: "It just opens up other avenues of col-laboration," he said.

Both the PNV and CIU supported Mr. Gonzalez in the investiture debate, enabling him to win a key vote of confidence.

Mr. Arzallus said the PNV had not entirely closed the door on forming a coalition with the Socialists, saying there might be further room for manoeuvre after the 1994 budget debate at the end of this year, or when the PSOE had held their congress - not due until January.

# Clinton, Kim

SEOUL (AFP) - After days of fancy diplomatic footwork, the jogging-fanatic presidents of the United States and South Korea still didn't get their early-morning run right Sunday. Bill Clinton, after being told that Kim Young-Sam always wore a track suit, promptly donned one. The 65year-old Kim, however, after hearing that Clinton ran without a track suit, left his at home. "I can see why you wear it," officials quoted the sweating Clinton as saying. And, whether or not it was prompted by the confusion. Mr. Kim suggested after the 15 minute 20 second run that a hot line between their offices would not be a bad idea. Mr. Clinton agreed. The joint run was billed here as "jogging for democracy". It grabbed as many headlines in South Korean newspapers as:a possible imminent nuclear threat from North Korea. At the end of it, Mr. Clinton plunged into the presidential pool before sharing a Western breakfast with Mr. Kim, the pro-democracy dissident turned president. Mr. Kim presented Mr. Clinton with a jewellery box for Hillary and a calligra-phy scroll he had penned himself. "Deal with difficulties openly and

# **Mother Teresa**

two sweat jackets.

NEW DELHI (AP) - Nobel Prize winner Mother Teresa was discharged from the hospital Sunday after doctors found her in fat condition, a news agency ported. The 83-year-old nun was being treated for exhaustion since late Friday at the Nanavati Hospital in Bombay where she had stopped on her way to the southern town of Bangalore. She will now return to Calcutta, the eastern Indian metropolis where her Missionaries of Charity is based. Press Trust of India reported. Despite her age and frail health, Mother Teresa travels frequently in her work with the poor-Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, has suf-

# Holidaying Pope

LORENZAGO DI CADORE, Italy (R) — Pope John Paul, at the centre of a health scare when he was admitted to hospital last week, is in fine fettle, his official spokesman said. "There is no difference (in his health) from two years ago," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said. "Last year we came straight after he had surgery but now we are back to the normal rhythm," he added. The 73-year-old Pontiff underwent medical tests eight days ago, a year after major surgery to remove a large benign tumour from his colon. Doctors gave him a clean bill of health and the Vatican stressed the tests

#### Hillary wins the hearts of S. Koreans

SEOUL (R) - South Koreans gave first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton rave reviews Sunday Some made the point that woman's place generally should be in the home. "But Hillary is great. She may not be what we think a first lady should be, but she's great." said one woman. She was among more than 100 South Koreans who braved driving rain at the U.S. army base in Seoul to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Clinton Sunday, the second and final day of the U.S. presidential visit to South Korea. "Wow, I met her. And look, I have her signature," a delighted young girl said as she jumped up and down with excitement. Mrs. Clinton, dressed in a white and blue suit, smiled and shook hands with the crowd as she made her way to a restaurant for a quick brunch. with families of American sol-5 diers and South Korean employees at the Yongsan Army Base. "It's exciting to meet her, She gives us women hope and courage in this world where sex discrimination still exists," said Jennifer Kim, a guest at the brunch. "I don't think it's bad for a first lady to be strong and clever like her," said Kim, who was accompanied by her husband and two sons. "I wish our first lady was more like her," said a young

# go for a jog

South Korean woman.

squarely and you can tide over hardship," the scroll read. And Mr. Clinton gave Mr. Kim two pairs of jogging shoes, one for first lady Sohn Myong-Soon, and

# leaves hospital

fered two heart attacks, the last one in 1989 when she received apeacemaker.

# in fine health

were strictly routine but the epi-sode raised fresh fears over the health of the head or the 960 million Roman Catholics

#### the electoral code, thus shrinking the number of opposition inside the parliament. its own control. U.N. fears tit-for-tat attacks

In the latest attack, gunmen Saturday got within 300 metres of

Two hours earlier gunmen us-

"Some of the units don't even want to leave their compounds anymore," said a U.N. officer. They are more worried about

ensuring their own security."

Gen. Aideed, sought by U.N. forces with a \$25,000 reward for his capture, is ready to hold talks to end the crisis in the Horn of Africa country, one of his aides

Hussein Dhimbril said he had

talks with leaders of UNOSOM "on condition that they halt their bombardment and attacks' against Aideed's supporters. Gen. Aideed "is well, is continuing his activities and moving around freely." Mr. Dhimbril

also expected to draw up new plans for the newly created Inspection and Control Bureau. The meeting will also discuss trolling financial and administra-

general of various ministries and directors of government departments, are also expected to discuss the Jordanian experiment in appraising the performance of public administration with a view to introducing steps aimed at improving performance and achieving administrative reforms.